

Masashiro Nagoka, 2015-16 Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Japan



Personal Profile.....

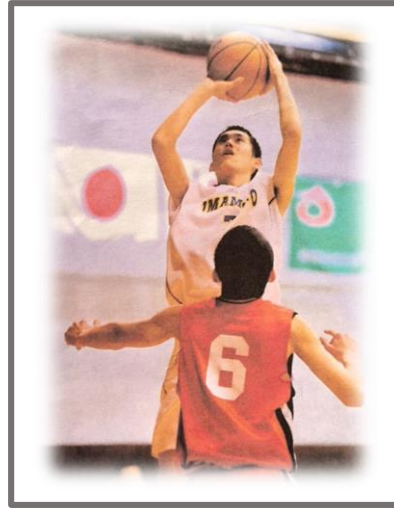
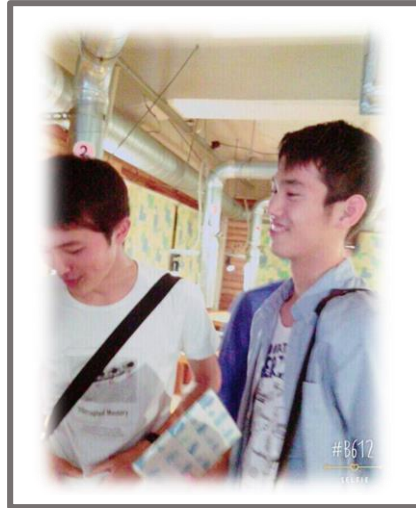
Masashiro Nagoka, better known as Masa, arrived in Kelowna on August 21st, 2015 from Yukuhashi, Japan.

Sixteen year old Masa has two sisters, Mitsuki who is 19 and Rio who is 13. Masa's father Moriyuki is an owner of a plumbing company; and his mother Michiyo is a housewife.



Masa completed his grade eleven at Miyako Senior High School in Miyako, a city adjacent to Yukuhashi. He enjoys playing basketball and volleyball, listening to pop music, and watching movies. His new found interest is learning English. Apparently,

despite being Japanese, Masa does not like sushi.



Masa expressed that he had a desire to take part in the Rotary Youth Exchange program as a means to study other languages and cultures and to have the opportunity to study abroad.

Sponsoring Rotary Club.....

Masa is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Yukuhashi, located in District 2700. Koichi Michiwaki is currently the president (chairman) of the club which consists of 41 members as of September, 2015. The club was chartered on October 18, 1963.

The Club is an active club that has sponsored three Rotary clubs and an Interact club and is very supportive of the Rotary Youth Exchange program.



Masa's Home City.....

Masa resides in the satellite city of Yukuhashi, located in the prefecture of Fukuoka, about 25 kilometres southeast of Kitakyushu. Yukuhashi has a population of 72,000 people in an area of 27 square miles. Yukuhashi was founded in 1954. The prefecture of Fukuoka is located on the most south-westerly island of Kyushu, a mountainous island with Japan's most active volcano.

According to Masa, Yukuhashi is warmer than Kelowna and they rarely have snow.

