

9<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

Dear Mayor Tim Shadbolt,

I hope this letter finds you well.

We'd like to celebrate Invercargill City Council appointing Ms. Clare Hadley as your new Chief Executive. We are looking forward to further developing a relationship based on mutual trust and respect. I am deeply grateful to Mr. Richard King, who will be retired, for all his effort in maintaining great sister cities relations between the two cities.

The Rugby World Cup Japan 2019 will be coming soon. Now we are preparing various fields for holding the Rugby World Cup. We greatly appreciate your valuable advice and suggestions on hosting international matches. You are very much welcome to come and visit us during the Rugby World Cup in 2019.

Therefore, we would like to request the pleasure of the company of Mayor Tim Shadbolt, Chief Executive Clare Hadley and your representatives to watch both games on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> of September at the fully renovated Kumagaya Rugby Stadium during the Rugby World Cup in 2019. We would be delighted if your citizens could visit us to attend this world class event as well.

We are looking forward to hosting your delegation and sharing the pleasure of the Rugby World Cup with you.

I wish for further prosperity of Invercargill city and your good health.

Sincerely yours,

*Kiyoshi Tomioka*

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Mayor of Kumagaya City