

March 12, 2016

Welcome to Nihon Matsuri 2016. As Daiichi Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, we thank all those who sacrifice their talent and time to make this Nihon Matsuri happen every year. This event has brought light and joy to the whole community and blessed many people. We are proud to be part of the community and would give our full support for having this wonderful event.



Japanese people traditionally have strong and tender feeling about their ancestors. Without the generations before us, we are not where we are today. We thank them, we love them, and we share their stories with next generations. This love for multi-generational family will keep us together. I would like to thank all the Issei and Nisei who built this Japanese community in Utah. Their sacrifice will be a foundation for future generations.

Daiichi Ward has been part of Japanese community in Salt Lake City for more than 50 years. And we are proud to be part of it. We are proud to be part of the family. We look forward to meet more wonderful people in this wonderful State of Utah.

Once again, thank you for Nihon Matsuri Committee members for organizing such a wonderful event.

Sincerely,

Bishop Yuta Uemura
Daiichi Ward, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
