

**2. OFFICIAL CHRISTCHURCH DELEGATION VISIT TO KURASHIKI, MAY 1998**

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The International Relations Co-ordinator, Sue McFarlane, reported on the visit in May 1998 of the official Christchurch delegation to sister city Kurashiki, as part of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

Councillor Newton Dodge, Chairman of the Christchurch-Kurashiki Sister City Committee, led the delegation to Kurashiki from 18 - 26 May 1998.

The report provided a comprehensive review by the delegation, together with the outcomes and objectives achieved during the visit.

Confirmation has now been received of an official delegation of 11 councillors and a "citizens' delegation" from Kurashiki in November 1998.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That the city of Christchurch invite the Mayor of Kurashiki, Takeshi Nakada, to lead the official 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary delegation to Christchurch in November 1998.