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Reflections on the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony Project Consul General Hiroshi Inomata



I had the pleasure of visiting the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony site shortly after assuming my role as Consul General of Japan last autumn. I was delighted to have the opportunity so early on to visit this important landmark in the shared history between the United States and Japan.

In addition to being the first Japanese agricultural project in the United States, Wakamatsu Farm Colony is also a monument to the bravery of an early group of Japanese immigrants to California and to the friendship they encountered upon their arrival.

The project to preserve this historical site has progressed due to the hard work and collaboration of a diverse group of people from California's political, cultural, business, and agricultural communities. The California Rice Commission has played a very important role in this endeavor. Since Wakamatsu was the location of one of the earliest encounters between Californians and Japanese, it seems very fitting that we are working together to preserve this historical location for future generations to enjoy and learn from.

As the project continues to move forward, we at the Consulate General are pleased to lend our support in any way possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hiroshi Inomata". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Hiroshi Inomata
Consul General of Japan in San Francisco