



## HIGASHIOSAKA CITY

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JAPAN

May 20, 2014

The Honorable Zareh Sinanyan  
Mayor of the City of Glendale, California

### **Re: Handling of our request regarding the website of the city of Glendale**

Dear Mayor Sinanyan:

We are sure that you are aware that Higashiosaka City has written to the City of Glendale on three occasions regarding the article posted on the City of Glendale Website on July 9, 2013 regarding sister city relationships officially requesting that you delete or revise the unsubstantiated sister city-related statements pertaining to our city.

Despite the fact that we have yet to receive a response from the City of Glendale regarding our request, at the end of last year we discovered a new article regarding monuments related to sister cities on the "Rumors" page of your official city website.

We find it grossly deplorable that the City of Glendale should handle our repeated requests by merely posting an article on your "Rumors" page in this way. Moreover, considering that the article was posted with no prior notification to Higashiosaka City, we must conclude that your city is making light of our requests so far, and we vehemently protest this disrespectful attitude. In addition, we recently found that the City of Glendale website has been updated, but the list of meeting agendas and minutes still includes items that link to the articles with problematic parts that have yet to be deleted/revised.

Given these circumstances, as a local government authority the City of Glendale should provide Higashiosaka City with an official response to our official requests and delete or revise the problematic parts of the article dated July 9 related to sister cities on your official city website, as well as provide Higashiosaka City with an official apology.

URL of the "Rumors" article:

[http://www.glendaleca.gov/government/city-departments/management-services-home/  
public-information-office/rumor-page](http://www.glendaleca.gov/government/city-departments/management-services-home/public-information-office/rumor-page)

URL of the Agenda and minutes of the Special Meeting:

[http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/government/agenda\\_minutes/4A201307094.pdf](http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/government/agenda_minutes/4A201307094.pdf)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yoshikazu Noda". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Yoshikazu Noda

Mayor of Higashiosaka City

Osaka, Japan