

# Sister city Marlborough, New Zealand

Since 1981, people from Tendo have been visiting New Zealand in order to learn more about various farming methods. New Zealand has also always been a popular destination for Japanese tourists.

## Farmers from Tendo visited Marlborough

In 1989, a group of farmers from Tendo visited Marlborough, After the visit Tendo and Marlborough city concluded a sister city agreement. Since then there have been various exchanges between the two cities, such as students exchange and group trips. In 2019, delegation from Tendo city visited Marlborough, They were all very appreciative of the way in which they were so warmly welcomed by the people of Marlborough.

## Students exchange programme.

Every year four junior high school students and one teacher from tendo visit Marlborough for home stays, during which time they go to school and experience life as 'Kiwis'. 2018 marks the twenty eighth times these home stay exchanges have taken place and all who have taken part in them have said they have had wonderful experiences and have made friends for life.

## Tendo delegation celebrates with Marlborough

Tendo and Marlborough city, New Zealand celebrated 30 years anniversary of our sister city relationship in January 2020. The ceremony was held in Marlborough, with a delegation of 21 representatives from Tendo city. We are confirmed our commitment to continue to strengthen their respective cities bond and further develop the relationship.



# 姉妹都市ニュージーランド・マールボロウ

## ・平成元年（1989年）7月7日姉妹都市提携

1981年天童市内の農業後継者が研修でマールボロウ市を訪れたことがきっかけで交流が始まりました。これまで多くの農業研修生が同市を訪問し、次第に農業や行政の交流が深まり平成元年（1989年）7月7日に姉妹都市提携を行いました。

## ・マールボロウ青少年大使派遣

天童市は平成3年（1991年）から毎年4名の中学生を派遣する青少年大使相互派遣事業をおこなっています。毎年3月に天童市から4名の中学生と引率教員1名がマールボロウ市を訪れホームステイを体験しています。毎年7月にはマールボロウ市から天童市へ中学生が訪れ相互の交流活動を進め絆を深めています。

## ・姉妹都市締結30周年

令和元年（2020年）1月訪問団がマールボロウ市を訪問しました。今回の訪問団は平成25年以来5年ぶりとなり、両市の姉妹都市締結30周年を記念して派遣されました。

訪問団一行は、ニュージーランドの豊かで雄大な自然の中、マールボロウ市民との交流を通して30年という両市の絆の強さと、今後も変わらない友愛を再確認し帰国しました。

