

Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee Public Relations Records, 1957-1965

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee (Seattle, Wash.)
Title	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee Public Relations Records
Dates	1957-1965 (inclusive) 1957 1965
Quantity	.6 cubic foot, (2 boxes)
Collection Number	9580-01
Summary	Public relations records of the Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee, including quarterly reports, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and photographs.
Repository	Seattle Municipal Archives Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 archives@seattle.gov
Access Restrictions	Records are open to the public.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

The Sister City relationship between Seattle, Washington and Kobe, Japan began in 1957 through the office of Seattle Mayor Gordon Clinton and Mayor Chujiro Haraguchi of Kobe. The program was part of an international "People-to-People" initiative first suggested by President Eisenhower in 1956. The Seattle-Kobe relationship was the first of 21 sister-city relationships held by Seattle today; others include Mazatlan, Mexico; Galway City, Ireland; and Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Content Description

The Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee Public Relations Records date from 1957 to 1964 and contain quarterly reports, correspondence, memoranda, meeting notices, committee directories, newspaper clippings, and photographs illustrating the programs, projects, and activities of the committee and the relationship between residents of Seattle and Kobe. Reports, correspondence, and clippings discuss committee activities, special events, student exchange programs, visits from Japanese royalty, political leaders, and other dignitaries, and information about donations and gifts exchanged between the cities.

Cultural events, such as showings of Japanese films, an exhibit of Japanese art at the Seattle Art Museum, and the Seattle visit of the Kobe High School choral group (as well as the Ingraham High School Choir's visit to Japan in the following year) are also documented in committee materials and newspaper clippings. Materials comprising an overview of the Seattle-Kobe Sister City relationship, as well as information on the city of Kobe itself, are included in the collection.

The public relations records were maintained by Jeanne Smith, public relations director for the committee.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

[Item and date], Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee Public Relations Records, Record Series 9580-01. Box [number], Folder [number]. Seattle Municipal Archives.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

Records are arranged chronologically by year.

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations	1957-1958
1/2	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations	1958
1/3	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations (includes photographs)	1959
1/4	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations	1960
1/5	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations	1960
1/6	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations	1960

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/7	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations	1961
1/8	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations	1961
1/9	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations	1962
1/10	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations	1963
1/11	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations	1963
2/1	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations	1964
2/2	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations	1964
2/3	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations - Quarterly Reports	1960-1964
2/4	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations - Photographs	1960-1964
2/5	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations - Toastmasters	1958-1959
2/6	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Public Relations - Overview	n.d.
2/7	Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee: Mayor Clinson	1964-1965

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Art, Japanese--Exhibitions--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Public relations--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Sister cities
 Student exchange programs--Washington (State)--Seattle

Corporate Names :

Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee (Seattle, Wash.)
 Sister Cities International

Geographical Names :

Japan--Relations--United States
 Kōbe-shi (Japan)
 Seattle (Wash.)
 United States--Relations--Japan
 Washington (State)--Relations--Japan

Form or Genre Terms :

Clippings

Photographic prints

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Smith, Jeanne, of Seattle, Wash.
(compiler)

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