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Greetings from the Consul General of Japan

It is with distinct pleasure that I welcome all of the guests, attendees, volunteers and participants of Kumoricon 2024! As a representative of the government of Japan, birthplace of anime culture, I am proud to lend my voice to the chorus of support for this amazing festival.

The artistic landscape of this city is rich with events that bring people together and help open our eyes to new worlds and new possibilities. As Oregon's premier manga and anime convention, Kumoricon celebrates the joyful, playful creativity of fantasy that lies within us all, as well as opening a window onto Japan.

Portland has a longstanding and vibrant connection to the world of comics and animation. As the home of powerhouse companies like Darkhorse Comics, Laika Studios, Deep Sky, Refuge, and Bent Image Lab, this region is at the leading edge of this thriving industry. We celebrate this success and look forward to greater interaction with the creative community throughout the Northwest.

I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to Altonimbus Entertainment and all of the organizers of Kumoricon 2024, as well as to all of the volunteers and attendees who help make this such a popular event. Your passion and your efforts help to build bonds of friendship and understanding between our two countries. I hope you will continue to follow your dreams, to learn more, and to deepen your connection to Japan.

Most sincerely,

Yuzo Yoshioka
Consul General of Japan