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**CITY OF NEWPORT
SISTER CITY MEETING SCHEDULED**

The Newport-Mombetsu Sister City Partnership is planning a meeting on Wednesday, October 9, at 5:15 P.M. at the Newport Recreation Center.

The goal of this meeting will be to start planning a trip next summer for a youth exchange, involving grade 7-12 students from Newport. It will include home stays in Mombetsu, which is located on the northern coast of the island of Hokkaido. The trip will also include a couple of days in Tokyo to visit this vibrant capital city. Costs are paid by the participants, and no city monies are used for this trip.

Over its 47 year existence, this special friendship has brought many Mombetsu citizens to Newport, as well as provided opportunities for adults and youth to experience the wonderful culture of Japan. This past summer Newport hosted a group of 10 youth and 6 adults for five nights, and it was a worthwhile experience for everyone involved.

To learn more about this exchange, even if you think your involvement may be a couple of years down the road, you are encouraged to attend this meeting and see what it is all about.

For more information, please contact Mark or Cindy at 541-270-9784.

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