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It is my pleasure to greet the fans, artists, and many other participants of Pacific Media Expo (PMX) 2005. I would especially like to welcome the special guests from Japan and elsewhere whose presence makes PMX a truly international event.

This year marks the sixtieth year since the end of World War II and the beginning of a new Japan-America relationship – one which has developed into a strong partnership, friendship, and alliance across the Pacific.

Over the years, American movies and music have helped define America for Japanese people, while Japanese traditional arts have portrayed the leading image of Japanese culture in the U.S. But now, especially among young people and often beginning on the West Coast, Japanese entertainment, movie remakes, and pop culture help drive a rising American interest in Japan.

Pacific Media Expo brings many aspects of Japanese and Asian pop culture together. J-Pop fans, exhibitors of all kinds, gamers and cosplayers gather in one place in an environment filled with current and cool Japanese culture. I hope that PMX, in its second year, and its participants will help broaden positive contact between Japanese and Americans.

I would like to express my congratulations to the organizers, sponsors and fans whose ideas and efforts have created this interactive exhibit of Japan's pop culture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yoshio Nomoto', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Yoshio Nomoto
Consul General of Japan