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NEWS RELEASE

“EXPERIENCE TAHARA” WILL PROVIDE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT JAPAN

Princeton, IN (March 3, 2010) – In an effort to broaden the horizons of students and educators the Gibson County Economic Development Corporation will be conducting a cultural student/teacher visit to Gibson County’s Friendship City, Tahara City, Japan from June 7 to June 16, 2010.

“*Experience Tahara*” will allow two students and one teacher from each of Gibson County’s three school corporations, nine total visitors, to stay with a host family and learn the Japanese culture first hand.

“This is a project our corporation has been coordinating for two years.” stated B. Todd Mosby, President and CEO of the Gibson County Economic Development Corporation. “This trip will give our educators another tool to enrich their classrooms while the students will be able to use this experience in furthering their education and future careers.”

All three school corporations have the applications at their high school buildings and on their websites. Selections will be made by the Gibson County Economic Development Corporation’s Friendship City committee. Deadline for applying is Monday, March 22, 2010. The Gibson County Economic Development Corporation will be funding the visit; however, there is a \$200.00 fee for those that are selected and attendees will be responsible for food and souvenirs not provided by their host families. Eligible students must be an incoming sophomores (10th grade) and those who will attend school as a junior (11th grade) in the 2010 – 2011 school year. Attendees will be required to take training sessions in basic Japanese language, home manners, cultural lessons, phases and functionality.

The Gibson County Economic Development Corporation is a 501 c(3) not-for-profit corporation located at 127 N. Hart Street in Princeton. The Gibson County Economic Development Corporation was formed in 2006 and is not a governmental agency. GCEDC represents Gibson County with a mission to coordinate, assist and advise Gibson County in economic development activities.