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## GIBSON COUNTY TO BE VISITED BY TAHARA CITY OFFICIALS

Princeton, IN (September 28, 2007) – Gibson County will host four visitors from Tahara City, Japan on Monday, October 1, Tuesday, October 2, and Wednesday, October 3 as part of the Tahara City – Gibson County Friendship City declaration.

On August 8, 2002 then Princeton Mayor Shirley Robb and Koichi Shirai, Tahara City Mayor, signed a declaration of friendship; to proclaim the mutual support to the Friendship City/County organization and to develop a permanent relationship. The two mayors proclaimed Princeton and Gibson County and Tahara City intended to give their contributions to the cause of world peace and the development of friendly relations between the peoples of United States and Japan.

Current Tahara City Mayor Katsuyuki Suzuki, Tahara City Council Chairman Yukio Yasuda, Tahara City Board of Education Member Katsuhito Yamamoto, and Naomichi Masuda from the Tahara City Planning Office will visit many businesses and organizations in Gibson County in their two and one half day stay. The four gentlemen will stay at the Maxam House in Princeton and will visit The Gibson County Train Depot, Hansen Manufacturing, Gibson County Coal Corporation, Lyles Station, Oakland City University, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, Gibson General Hospital, Gibson Southern High School, and Sandy's Pizza. In addition the delegation will meet with Princeton Mayor Bob Hurst at Princeton's Municipal building then walk to the Courthouse where County Commission and County Council members will join them on a tour of Gibson County's historical building. Bruce Byers of the Gibson County Historical Society will escort the delegation through the Courthouse providing facts about the county landmark. The public is invited to meet and visit with the delegation at the courthouse from 9:45 A.M. until 10:00 A.M.

The arrangements for the visit have been coordinated through the Gibson County Economic Development Corporation office in Princeton. Executive Director B. Todd Mosby and Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana's Connie Wellmeyer made a similar visit to Tahara City earlier this summer. Mosby said, "Tahara City officials were very kind to us. We enjoyed touring their city and building the relationships that are now allowing us to show off our little corner of the world to our friends from so far away."

*The Gibson County Economic Development Corporation is a 501 c(3) not-for-profit corporation located at 202 E. Broadway Street in Princeton. The Gibson County Economic Development Corporation was formed in 2006. The mission of the Gibson County Economic Development Corporation is to coordinate, assist, and advise Gibson County in economic development activities.*

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