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MEDIA ALERT

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Miami Beach to Welcome Delegation from Fujisawa, Japan — *Inviting the Urban Island's Oldest Sister City to Learn About its Key Initiatives* —

WHO/WHAT:

For more than half a century, Fujisawa, Japan has been a prominent sister city of the City of Miami Beach. Beginning today, a delegation from the fellow coastal community will tour Miami Beach for a three-day visit to learn about the City's innovative resiliency program, vast array of elder welfare programs and internationally-renowned cultural landscape.

Join Mayor Dan Gelber and the Miami Beach City Commission for a rewarding day for both cities as staff and elected officials invite the Asian delegation for a firsthand look at Miami Beach's current policies and pursuits.

"We have had an incredible partnership with Fujisawa since 1959, and I am proud to say our friendship remains just as strong today," said Mayor Dan Gelber.

The day will begin with presentations from municipal staff in the realms of resiliency and housing. Led by Environment and Sustainability Director Elizabeth Wheaton, the group will then tour the Miami Beach Convention Center pump station located at 21 Street and Washington Avenue. A Q&A session will follow as part of the pump station tour.

Delegation members include Deputy Mayor Mr. Hideki Ono, City Council Chairman Mr. Kenichiro Matsushita, International Friendship Committee and Chamber of Commerce Chairman Mr. Takayuki Masuda, Secretariat Mr. Nobuyoshi Murofushi, Coordinator Ms. Shoko Yokota and Interpreter Ms. Natsumi Yamaguchi.

The City of Miami Beach Sister Cities International Committee aims to engage sister cities abroad in partnerships and exchanges that promote trade, economic development, cultural awareness and educational opportunities.

WHEN: Thursday, November 1 at 11:15 a.m.

WHERE: Miami Beach Convention Center
Pump station at 21 Street and Washington Avenue

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