

MESSAGE TO OUR FRIENDS



Tomoyasu Kato
Delegation Head
Sub-head of
the Nissan Baseball Team



Hisayuki Tanaka
Manager of
the Nissan Baseball Team

It is our great pleasure to come to the U.S.A., where baseball was developed as the national sport. We are very grateful for this opportunity to play games with distinguished baseball teams of American universities.

Looking back on the team's activities in 1984, the most notable and memorable event was winning the championship of the Inter-City Baseball Tournament held last summer. It was the first time in the team's history to have won such a large tournament, and we were honored with the "Black Lion" flag, the symbol of the championship. Then in October, many of our players played on the All-Japan Team which participated in the World Amateur Baseball Championship Tournament held in Cuba.

The players train hard every day in addition to carrying out their responsibilities in the office. The major events on the team's schedule for 1985 are the Tokyo Baseball Tournament this spring, the Inter-City Baseball Tournament in the summer, which is the climax of the amateur baseball season in Japan, and the All-Japan Baseball Tournament in the fall. Our driving aim this year is to capture the Inter-City tournament for the second consecutive year. In addition to these annual games, we are very happy to have this chance to play goodwill games with teams in the U.S.A. All of us are determined to play our best. We hope to learn many things through these games and thereby improve our skills and boost our team spirit. Furthermore, we would be more than happy if our visit to the U.S.A. marks the start of a long and warm relationship between you and Nissan, and contributes to even stronger ties of friendship between the U.S.A. and Japan.

Finally, we should like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who has helped to make these games possible.

NISSAN BASEBALL TEAM



Head: Taiji Hosokawa, Managing Director, Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.
Manager: Hisayuki Tanaka
Head coach: Kenichi Mita, Junichi Tanii
Secretary: Taisen Uchikawa, Masaru Haba
Year formed: 1959

Tournament Record

1969 *Won the championship for the first time in the Inter-Industry Baseball Tournament.
*Visited Philippines.
1973 *Won the Babe Ruth Cup championship.

*Captured 2nd place in the Inter-City Baseball Tournament.
*Visited Australia.

1979 *Won the Babe Ruth Cup championship.
*Took 3rd place in the Inter-City Baseball Tournament.

1984 *Captured the national championship in the Inter-City Baseball Tournament for the first time in the company's history.
*16 players played in the All-Japan Team in the 28th World Amateur Baseball Championship Tournament held in Cuba.

Games Scheduled

April 5	(2:30)	David Lipscomb College at David Lipscomb
April 7	(3:00)	Middle Tennessee State University at MTSU
April 9	(7:00)	Middle Tennessee State University at MTSU
April 10	(2:30)	Vanderbilt University at Vanderbilt
April 15	(2:30)	California Polytechnic State University at Cal Poly, Pomona
April 16	(2:30)	University of Southern California at USC
April 18	(1:30)	University of Hawaii at Hilo at UHM
April 18	(4:00)	University of Hawaii at Manoa at UHM