

**KANSAS CITY PROJECT PROMOTES CULTURAL EXCHANGE
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On Oct. 26, SGI-USA members from Sunflower District in Lawrence, Kan., dedicated themselves to the care and maintenance of the city's Japanese Friendship Garden. The members have volunteered to be responsible for the weekend maintenance of the new Friendship Garden located in downtown Lawrence.

The Japanese garden was conceived, constructed and completed early this fall from the idea of nonviolent cultural and educational exchange between sister cities Lawrence, Kan., and Hiratsuka, Japan, for the enjoyment of future generations.

At the official dedication and tea ceremony, Faye Watson, chairwoman of the garden project, expressed appreciation on behalf of the donors and to SGI-USA members for their participation in maintaining the beauty of the garden. Also, in attendance were Kansas State Representative Barbara Ballard and sister city mayors Jim Henry of Lawrence and Itsuo Yoshino of Hiratusuka. Both mayors acknowledged their appreciation to local SGI-USA members for their service for the community.