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Ever since the adoption of the official sisterhood of the municipalities of Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya and Gonohe, Aomori, the townspeople of the two towns have shown their affection for each other in a multitude of ways. Delegations and participants from each town have fostered decades old bonds of friendship bordering familial.

Who would've thought that from the fateful journey of former Gonohe Mayor Kawasaki Yoshio as a captain of the Japanese army in 1943 would lead to a grassroots relationship that transcends nationality, language, and culture.

Now, almost four decades later, it is the time to renew and re-discover the sisterhood that was founded on December 22, 1983. Obviously, plenty has changed in that time. Rising economic prosperity in our countries and developments with the internet technologies have enabled many residents of our towns to connect with each other. However, with new advancements come novel challenges. The ageing population of our general membership and the increasing lack of public awareness regarding the association itself have significantly reduced the impact the Bayombong Gonohe Sister City Association has towards the general populace of each tow

In that light, the bayombonggonohe.com initiative was launched. The website has the following main objectives:

1. Showcase the stories and experiences of members past and present.
2. Create an archive of media that chronicles the history of the association and the two towns.
3. Become a platform for the townspeople of Bayombong and Gonohe to connect with each other.

We are also pleased to announce a partnership with [Novice Magazine Philippines](#) in their upcoming Issue 02 with an article featuring the Association. The year 2020 has truly been a wild ride for all of us and we at bayombonggonohe.com do wish everyone all the best as we work through these hard times.