



STATE OF ARKANSAS
ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR

December 5, 2019

Toichi Ueda
Mayor
City of Hanamaki
9-30 Kajomachi Hanamaki
Iwata 0258601 Japan

Dear Mayor Ueda,

Thank you for your kind letter. It was such an honor to meet the members of Hanamaki Higashi High School Baseball Club. I understand the talent on this team is incredible and many past members have gone on to play professional baseball.

America has long enjoyed cheering on its favorite baseball teams, and it is exciting that, through the sister-city relationship between Hanamaki and Hot Springs, a bright group of young people committed to athletics is able to share their love of the game.

On behalf of the State of Arkansas, thank you for the continued relationship between Hanamaki and Hot Springs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Asa Hutchinson", written over a large, stylized "A" that serves as a decorative initial.

Asa Hutchinson