

## Official Visit to Victoria by the Hon Hideaki Ohmura, Governor of Aichi Prefecture, Japan



The Hon Hideaki Ohmura, Governor of Aichi Prefecture, Japan made his first official visit to Victoria from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, 2012 upon the invitation of the State Government of Victoria. Aichi and Victoria have developed a friendly sister-prefecture/state relationship for 32 years.

During his visit, the Governor met His Excellency The Hon Alex Chernov AC QC, Governor of Victoria, The Hon Peter Ryan, Acting Premier, The Hon Richard Dalla-Riva, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Manufacturing, Exports and Trade, The Hon Bruce Atkinson, President of the Legislative Council, The Hon Ken Smith, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and The Hon Daniel Andrews, Leader of the Opposition. Governor Ohmura and Acting Premier Ryan signed a Memorandum of Understanding for Cultural Exchange between Aichi and Victoria, to further promote exchanges.

The Governor also visited such places as a factory of Japanese manufacture and sporting facilities and exchanged views with businessmen here.

On this occasion, Consul-General Hidenobu Sobashima hosted a reception, where Governor Ohmura talked and exchanged with the representative of the Victorian Government and Parliament as well as of municipalities, schools and companies which have relationships with Aichi Prefecture.