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Several Elberton Granite Industry leaders helped organize the Elberton International Industrial Invitational Golf Tournament held at the Elberton County Club June 4th, when community leaders hosted eight prominent Japanese officials and businessmen. The tournament was a

project of the Elberton Sister Committee initiated several years ago to promote relations between Elberton and the Japanese city of Mure-cho, a granite production center. The purpose of the tournament was to promote goodwill between the American and Japanese people and to develop granite and other trade potentials between Elberton and Japan. The visitors included: Mayor Shozaburo Tokioka, Toshiko Tokioka, Takaichi Murase, Katsuko Nakatani and Akiyoshi Nakamura.

Elberton Mayor Joe Fendley presents a gift penset to Consul General Tadayuki Nonoyama at the conclusion of the golf tournament.



This golfing foursome is composed of, left to right, Chamber of Commerce President Chris Phelps, Masayaso Inoue, Consul General Nonoyama, and Willie Simmons, Tournament Chairman and Country Club President.

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The first student exchange include seven Elbertonians, Carter Edge, Paulette Dye, David Abernathy, Tripp McKinney, Scott Seymour, Angie Dickerson and Joe Jossey, Chaperone. The Junior Ambassadors said the "Granite Connection" between Elberton and Mure-cho was evident in the successful conclusion of the exchange program, for Elberton Granite Industry leaders played a key role in the project and E.G.A. members contributed through donations from the association and various member-firms to help finance the trip.

