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**From the Editor**

Happy 50th Birthday Iwaki!

To commemorate "Fifty Fantastic Years of Iwaki" this edition is looking back over the city's brief history as well as the recent exchanges it has conducted with the Hawaiian county of Kauai – an official sister city as of 30 September 2018. Finally, the third part of our series covering Iwaki's revitalisation takes us to the Obama and Iwama districts in southern Iwaki.

This year has been like a giant birthday party for Iwaki. The city is still quite young compared with others around the world, but it is bound to grow and prosper even further over the next 50 years.

But now we have already reached the end of a massive year. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And I wish for your safe travels if you are planning on visiting family or going on a holiday over the New Year period.

- Ben

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