



Dillard University hosted an important exchange ceremony with delegates from Matsue, Japan and the City of New Orleans on Friday, October 19, 2012. The Mayor of New Orleans, Mitch Landrieu, welcomed the group representing higher education and commerce in Matsue, Japan and exchanged gifts of fig trees and okra seeds.

Dillard President Dr. Walter Kimbrough shared how honored Dillard was to be able to assist in the exchange, and remarked about a new program between Dillard and Langston Hughes Academy. Under the direction of Dr. Amy Lesen, Dillard and Langston Hughes runs a program which grows plants and seedlings in the DU greenhouse.

District D council member Cynthia Hedge-Morrell and Edible Schoolyard Executive Director,

Claudia Barker were also present to share in their appreciation of the exchange and the importance of this program.

Matsue, Japan is an official sister city of New Orleans. Find more information about the [exchange here.](#)

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