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Washington Trade and Economic Development Missions



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Japan Comes to Washington - 2023



Hyogo Prefecture, Japan - 2024



Hyogo Assembly Meetings – PAX Japan?



Meeting with Hyogo Assembly Speaker



Meeting with CEO of Hyogo

More Than Gaming



Hakutsuru Saki Brewery

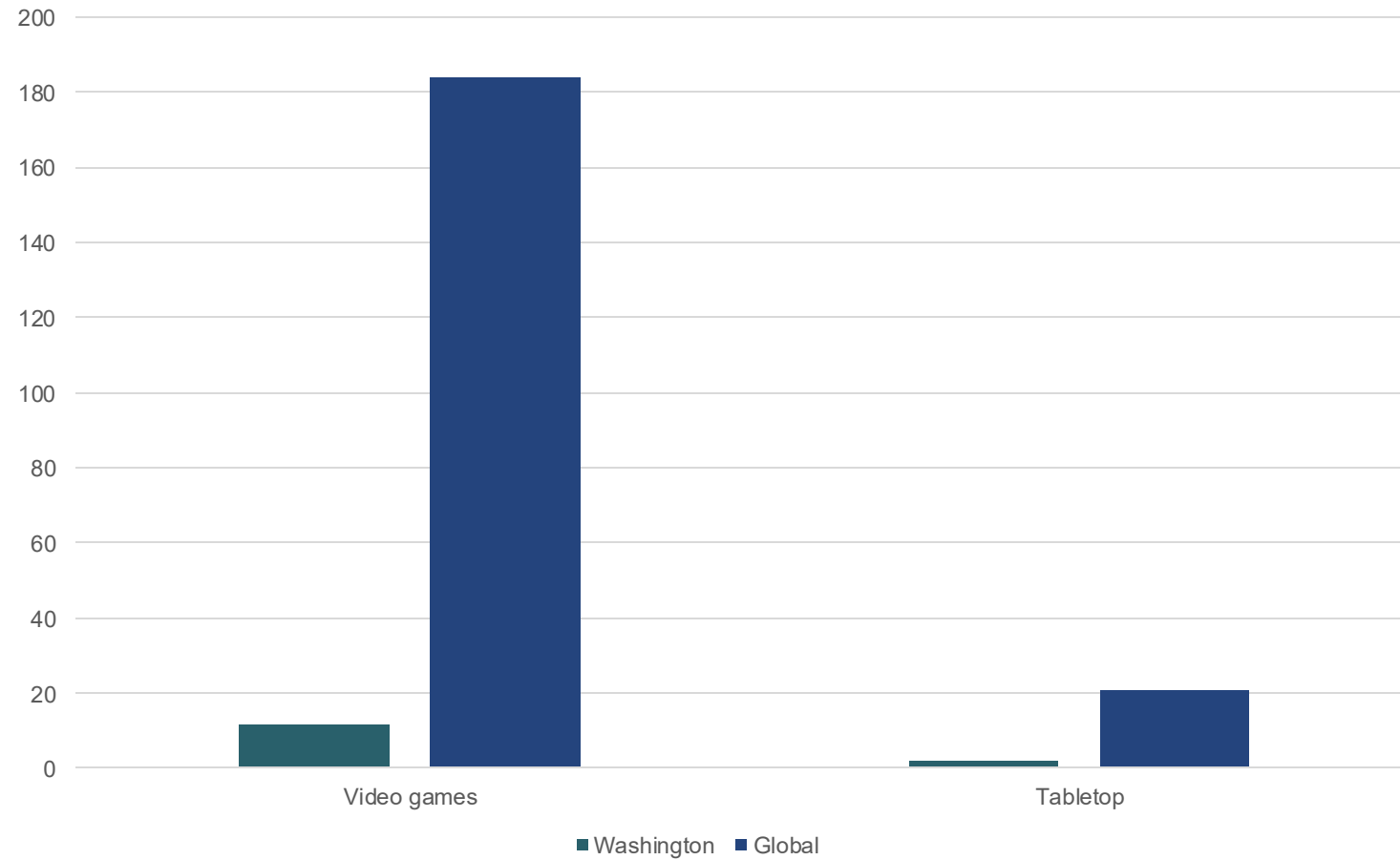


Panasonic Recycling Center

Connections Mean Jobs in Washington



Gaming in Washington and The World



Expansion to Washington Japan Card Products



Game Market 2024



Cherry Picked Games



Green Ronin Publishing



Heart of the Deernicorn



Lone Shark Games



LONESHARKGAMES

FlatOut Games



Tabletop Game Alliance of Washington



U.S. Commercial Service



Locate Japan-based game publishers and distributors

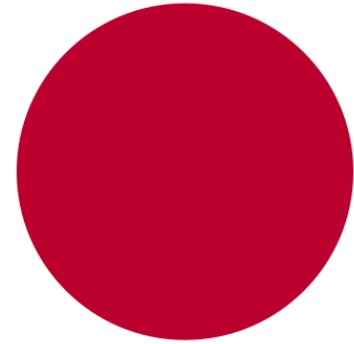
Set up virtual meetings prior to in-person meetings

Connected with:

- Tenday Games
- GP Games
- Jelly Jelly Games
- Asobition
- Sugorokuya

Lessons Learned

- Great Success – Valuable Contacts & Business Lessons
- Japan Business Leaders Value Relationships **PRIOR** to Deal Making
- Trust and Reliability Are Key to Enduring Relationships
- Plan For Visits Both Ways
- Showcase Your State's Benefits to Japanese Leaders



Essen, Germany - 2025

SPIEL ESSEN GAME FAIR 2025

World's Largest
Public Fair for
Tabletop and Board
Games



SPIEL ESSEN GAME FAIR 2025



INdependent
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BLACK
DIAMOND
CREATIVES



FLATOUT
GAMES



Nerdcore  Medical



Washington as Gaming Capitol



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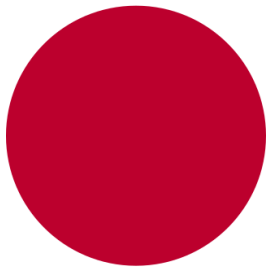
Microsoft
game studios™



Washington as Gaming Capitol



Global Connections and Relations



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Thank you!



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Elaine F. Marshall, NC Secretary of State
Chair of the NC-Moldova Bilateral Partnership

Southeast US-Canadian Provinces Conference

- ❖ NC Secretary of State
Elaine F. Marshall
- ❖ Premier Susan Holt
New Brunswick



Go Global – Netherlands



North Carolina-Moldova Partnership Signing Ceremony



Humanitarian Projects and Shipments

2016- 2024 : 10 shipments

March 2025 – Two 40ft high cube containers and 93 pallets are being loaded with more than 44,000 pounds of donations.

- Textbooks & Library books
- Educational materials,
- Lifesaving medical supplies
- Medical Equipment – walkers, wheelchairs, crutches ...



Classroom-to-Classroom



Medical Projects - Nursing Partnership



- Nursing professionals and faculty from UNC Greensboro Nursing School travel to Moldova every year to provide **medical trainings**.
- NC assisted with the development of the **first Nursing Bachelor Degree** in Moldova.

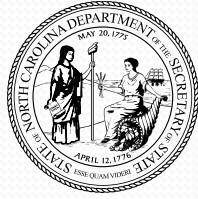


Medical Projects - Dental Partnership



- Since 2000, **thousands of children have benefited from this service** offered by NC dentists and the Rotary Club of Greensboro.
- **UNC School of Dentistry faculty and students** travel to Moldova every spring to provide dental care to children and train with their counterparts at the Moldova Medical University.





Library Partnership

- 2006 – launched the **Medical Library Partnership** between NC and Moldova State Medical University, coordinated by Donna Flake and Silvia Ciubrei.





NC-Moldova Pharmacy Partnership

Moldova Delegation visit to UNC School of Pharmacy





UNC School of Government

An evolving relationship

- Study Exchanges in Chapel Hill
 - May 2023
 - July 2023
 - May 2024
 - June 2024
 - September 2024

- Study Visit to Chișinău
 - October 2023





Entrepreneurship Exchange Program

NC-Moldova LOCAL BOND 2022-2023

- The Local Bond Project aimed to **support local Startups/Businesses** from the selected regions across Moldova and facilitate knowledge transfer, trust building, matchmaking among companies involved and entrepreneurial communities linking from NC and MD





University Partnerships

- New MOU signed between NCSU and Moldova State Technical University– October, 2023



State Partnership of the Year Award – 2024



Meeting with President Sandu

Order of the Republic





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