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Fourth Uwajimaya Market to Open at Renton Center in Renton Washington

Uwajimaya, Inc. is pleased to announce its 4th store to be opened in City of Renton. The store will anchor Renton Shopping Center located at, 501 South Grady Way, in Renton Washington. The store is currently scheduled to open in late June.

Uwajimaya Renton with over 30,000 square foot will have a full array of Asian gifts, groceries, produce, specialty meats and seafood, as well as an Uwajimaya deli offering sushi and other Asian hot and prepared foods; and the American grocery standards.

“Uwajimaya has been looking for an opportunity to strategically grow its business within the greater Puget Sound marketplace, and this Renton location made a great sense for our plan. We continue to evaluate additional future store locations in order to reach closer to many of our loyal customers who supported Uwajimaya with long distance shopping trips over the years.” stated Tomoko Moriguchi Matsuno, President/CEO, Uwajimaya Inc.

Denis Law, Mayor, City of Renton, remarked, “Uwajimaya is a well-respected company, a regionally recognized brand, and a strong corporate citizen.”

Paul Saito, VP Retail Operations stated, “We want Uwajimaya Renton to be both a destination for all things Asians and a neighborhood grocery store. With our quality produce, seafood, meat and baked goods, Uwajimaya Renton can be a preferred supermarket for everyone.” Our most experienced store director, Don Sakai, is moving from Uwajimaya Beaverton to open and direct Uwajimaya Renton,” added Mr. Saito.

Don Sakai commented, “I’m excited. Uwajimaya Renton will bring energy to Renton Center. We will do our best to provide the products and service that our customers come to expect from Uwajimaya on a daily basis.”

Uwajimaya, Inc. is an 80 years old, family-owned and operated business with Uwajimaya Markets in Seattle, Bellevue and Beaverton, Oregon. Fujimatsu and Sadako Moriguchi started Uwajimaya in 1928 as a small grocery in Tacoma catering to Japanese immigrants. The Moriguchi family and Uwajimaya moved to Seattle in 1946. Today, Uwajimaya operates three supermarkets, food processing division and a wholesale foodservice subsidiary. Uwajimaya employs over 450 people in Washington and Oregon.

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