

**Sister Cities Commission  
Expenses July 1, 2012 – May 23, 2013**

| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Expense</b>   | <b>Total</b>      |
|--------------|--|-------------------|
| 10/12/12     | Milpitas High School – T-shirts for 22 students                              | \$110.00          |
| 10/12/12     | Costco – Snacks for Students’ Room at MHS                                    | 183.71            |
| 10/12/12     | VTA – Class Transit Pass for Oct. 18 Day Trip                                | 168.00            |
| 10/16/12     | Safeway – Punch & Supplies for Dagupan Reception                             | 34.63             |
| 10/16/12     | Goldilocks – Cake for Dagupan Reception                                      | 45.99             |
| 10/17/12     | Lunch During Dagupan / Huizhou Day Tour, Oct. 18 Day Trip                    | 101.28            |
| 10/18/12     | Mezcal Restaurant- Lunch for 47 People                                       | 750.00            |
| 11/21/12     | Key to City Plaque – Huizhou Presentation on 11/26/12                        | 30.29             |
| 11/26/12     | Refreshments for Huizhou Presentation  | 13.41             |
| 11/26/12     | Erik’s Deli for Huizhou Luncheon   | 248.17            |
| 12/06/12     | Key to City Plaques (2) – Dagupan Presentation on 10/16/12                   | 60.58             |
| 12/06/12     | Awards to the Wise – Repairs to SC gifts for 10/11/12 Town Hall Mtg. display | 21.68             |
| 4/30/13      | YDesign – Design & Layout for E-pal Flyer                                    | 325.88            |
| 5/03/13      | JP Graphics – Printing of E-pal Flyer  | 230.00            |
| 6/11/13      | UPS Store – Priority Mail of Dagupan Letter                                  | 46.95             |
| 6/11/13      | UPS Store – DHL with International Tracking for Huizhou Visa Letter          | 68.95             |
| estimate     | YDesign – Design & Layout for SCC Brochure                                   | 400.00            |
| estimate     | JP Graphics – Printing of SCC Brochure                                       | 600.00            |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>(estimated)</b>   | <b>\$3,439.52</b> |

Annual Spending Limit through Council Promotions Budget = \$6,240.00

Remaining Amount for Expenses as of 6/21/13 = \$2,800.48 (estimated)



Figline Valdarno, Italy



Huizhou, China



Tsukuba, Japan



Dagupan, Philippines

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# Milpitas Sister Cities Commission



The Milpitas Sister Cities Commission advises the Milpitas City Council on matters affecting sister city relationships, programs and activities. Commissioners work to further knowledge and understanding between the people of Milpitas and those of sister cities in foreign countries.

As a resident or business representative of Milpitas, you are welcome to participate in activities with Milpitas Sister Cities in the areas of tourism, education, the arts, business, civic pride and government. Involvement with the Sister Cities Commission offers opportunities to:

- Travel to Sister Cities
- Participate in Delegation Visits
- Host International Visitors
- Develop Sister City Relationships
- Broaden International Understanding and Peace as a Citizen Ambassador

### Contact Information

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Contact the Commission's Staff Liaison for more information about meetings, latest developments and referral to a sister cities commissioner.

### Sister City Websites

[www.tsukubainfo.jp](http://www.tsukubainfo.jp)  
[www.dagupan.gov.ph](http://www.dagupan.gov.ph)  
[www.huizhou.gov.cn](http://www.huizhou.gov.cn)  
[www.comune.figline-valdarno.fi.it](http://www.comune.figline-valdarno.fi.it)

### Milpitas Sister Cities



The City of Milpitas has proudly established formal relationships with four sister cities. Each is unique in its interests and history. All are united in the desire to promote harmonious coexistence.



#### Tsukuba City, Japan つくば市、役所

Located in the Ibaraki Prefecture near the eastern coast and 31 miles north east of Tokyo, Tsukuba City is a city built on science and technology. It has cultivated high-level research and education and hosts more than 300 facilities including private and national research institutions, related industries and educational institutions. It is also a beautiful city that attracts people worldwide. Both Tsukuba and Milpitas engage middle and high school students in "e-pal" communications. This relationship involves information exchange between youths and for their global education.



#### City of Dagupan, Philippines Lungsod ng Dagupan, Pilipinas

Dagupan City is known as the Bangus Capital of the World, a top producer of milkfish and the center of trade, education, banking and community development in the Ilocos Region. It was further made known all over the world in 2003 when the City became a record holder of the World's Longest Barbecue as certified by Guinness World Records. About 50 miles north of Manila, Dagupan City has fully developed its trade centers in the communications, commercial and financial sectors. Dagupan and Milpitas have enjoyed the exchange of governmental policies and information that recently expanded to student visits and home stays with Milpitas families.



#### Huizhou Municipality, People's Republic of China 惠州市, 人们的中华民国

Located in central Guangdong province of the People's Republic of China, 60 miles north of Hong Kong, Huizhou Municipality hosts a population of 4.6 million and a world-class petrochemical industry, as well as a hub for developing information technology, and expanding exports and trade. Huizhou and Milpitas focus on annual visits of student ambassadors and occasional visits of Huizhou officials to Milpitas.



#### Figline Valdarno, Italy Comune di Figline Valdarno, Italia

Figline Valdarno is a municipality in the Province of Florence in the Tuscany region, located about 16 miles southeast of Florence. The town supports a population of 17,000 with an emphasis on its culinary school and local products. Businesses include factories of haute couture leather goods and clothes. Figline Valdarno and Milpitas engage middle and high school students in "e-pal" communications. Cultural exchanges involving tourism are encouraged.

### The Sister Cities Story

The national Sister City Program was the vision of President Eisenhower who, having seen first hand the ravages of World War II, created a people-to-people program of citizen diplomacy in 1956. Milpitas formalized its first sister city in 1996.

The goal of a sister cities program is to work outside the realm of government, but with its support, to create a wealth of lasting friendships – one at a time – to foster world peace.

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### AGREEMENT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF MILPITAS AND HUIZHOU MUNICIPALITY

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Milpitas and Huizhou **Municipal People's Government** executed a **their first** memorandum of understanding, ~~signed by Mayor Esteves of the City of Milpitas and Mayor Huang Yebin of Huizhou City,~~ on April 28, 2004, establishing a Sister City relationship between the City of Milpitas and Huizhou **Municipal People's Government** City to enrich cultural understanding, create adult and student exchange opportunities and broaden cooperation to encourage goodwill between the Cities, and;

**WHEREAS**, ~~the~~ previously executed memorandums of understanding incorporated, to the extent applicable and practical, the principles of the 1972 SINO-U.S. SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, presented jointly by the leaders of the People's Republic of China and the United States of America. The City of Milpitas acknowledges and affirms the 1972 SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE in its entirety, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Milpitas and Huizhou **Municipal People's Government** City support the promotion of mutual understanding, expansion of official and non-governmental exchanges, and friendship through promotion of peace, stability and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific Region and the world at large, and;

**WHEREAS**, in order to consolidate and further develop the friendship and cooperation between Huizhou **Municipal People's Government** City and the City of Milpitas, both cities ~~have~~ agreed to continue the Sister City relationship established in the previously executed memorandum of understanding on the following terms:

1. To promote common prosperity and development, both cities will organize, on the basis of equality, mutual benefit and goodwill, cultural exchanges, **contacts to support an electronic "pen pal" program for students**, and other information sharing that may include art, business, commerce, science, technology, culture, history, education, sports, public health and administration.
2. Citizens, civic and business groups of each city are recognized as ambassadors of goodwill to organize cultural exchanges that may include art, history, education, health and sports interests, ~~study of~~ business and commerce, and other information sharing.
3. **To the extent possible**, ~~At least~~ one cultural exchange visit to each city shall be organized involving adults and students within the duration of this

Memorandum of Understanding. Each visit shall be reviewed in advance between the Milpitas Sister Cities Commission and the **Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs Bureau of Huizhou Municipality** ~~Huizhou-Milpitas Sister Cities Committee~~.

4. Cultural exchange visit details and activities shall be cooperatively agreed upon by organizing citizens and civic and business groups. Activities shall be provided with the objective to deepen cultural awareness and friendship between citizens, **business leaders** and government officials.

5. The Cities' leaders and top-level department administrators **of both cities shall** ~~will~~ maintain and facilitate ~~constant~~ open channels of communication to expedite consultation, exchange and cooperation on questions and issues of common concern.

6. The effective term for this Memorandum of Understanding shall be for five years following the date of execution of the Memorandum. Prior to expiration of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Sister City Relationship shall be reviewed by the City of Milpitas Sister Cities Commission and ~~Huizhou City~~ Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs Bureau **of Huizhou Municipality** to evaluate the progress of the relationship, as well as recommend whether the relationship shall continue.

7. This agreement represents the entire agreement between the cities. It may not be changed or modified without a resolution signed by the leaders of both cities. It is written in duplicate in the languages of English and Chinese. Both texts are equally authentic.

These two Cities hereby execute this Memorandum of Understanding in both Chinese and English to expire five years from **September 17, 2013**.

Huizhou Municipality

City of Milpitas

On its behalf

On its behalf

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Liu Guanxian, Vice Mayor

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Jose S. Esteves, Mayor

September 17, 2013

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