

桐乡市人民政府外事办公室

尊敬的 Darcy paul 市长先生：

欣闻您当选库布帝诺市市长，首先送上我们最诚挚的祝贺！
同时非常感谢您一直来为两地友谊持久深入所作出的努力。

“相知无远近 万里尚为邻”。桐乡与库布帝诺市虽分处地球东西，然而友谊深厚。自 2017 年两市签订《友好交流关系协议书》以来，互访、邮件等各种往来不曾停步，教育、文化、经济等领域交流日益深入，即便是受疫情影响而暂停互访的 2020 年，两市也借助微信、电子邮箱问候不止，关切之情都在书文间体露。

我们相信，在您的任期，在您的进一步推动下，桐乡、库布帝诺两市关系将迈向新的高度，实现更广领域的深入交流和合作，我们诚挚期望两市友谊永远延续并不断加深。也特别期待，在 2021 年，在疫情之后，Darcy paul 市长能够率团来访桐乡。

祝一切顺利并美好！

桐乡市人民政府外事办公室主任：

2021 年 5 月 20 日



王利浩

桐乡市人民政府外事办公室

Dear Mayor Darcy Paul,

I am delighted to hear that you have been elected Mayor of Cupertino. First, I want to send you our best congratulations! At the same time, thank you so much for your continuous efforts for the lasting friendship between our two cities.

As a Chinese saying goes, “Bosom friends make distance disappear.” The friendship between Tongxiang and Cupertino is deep, although we are located in the east and west of the earth. Since we signed *Agreement of Establishing Friendly Exchanges Relations* in 2017, exchanges in different areas, including education, culture and economy have continued deeply. Even in 2020, our exchange visits were suspended due to the pandemic. But it can’t stop our mutual care through WeChat, email, etc.

We believe that during your term of office, with your further support, the relationship between Tongxiang and Cupertino will reach a new height and achieve in-depth exchanges and cooperation in a wider range of areas. We hope that our friendship will last forever. We look forward to your visit to Tongxiang after the pandemic in 2021.

Wish you all the best!

Director of Tongxiang Foreign Affairs Office:

May 20, 2021



王利军

Renewal of Friendship City Agreement between City of Cupertino and Tongxian City

Below is the letter from Tongxiang City expressing their desire to renew the Friendship City Agreement from July 19, 2021 to July 19, 2023.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/my-drive>



Cupertino-Tongxiang Friendship City Association

The Friendship City Committee: Cupertino-Tongxiang Friendship City Association

Vision: Promote mutual respect and cooperation through direct city-to-city & person-to-person connections.

Mission: Work to create friendly relationships based on culture, education, information and trade exchanges.

Name of person requesting continuation of the friendship city relationship: Angela Chen

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Name of person requesting continuation of the friendship city relationship: Wendy Yang

Title: Co-President of the Cupertino–Tongxiang Friendship City Association.

Address: San Jose, CA

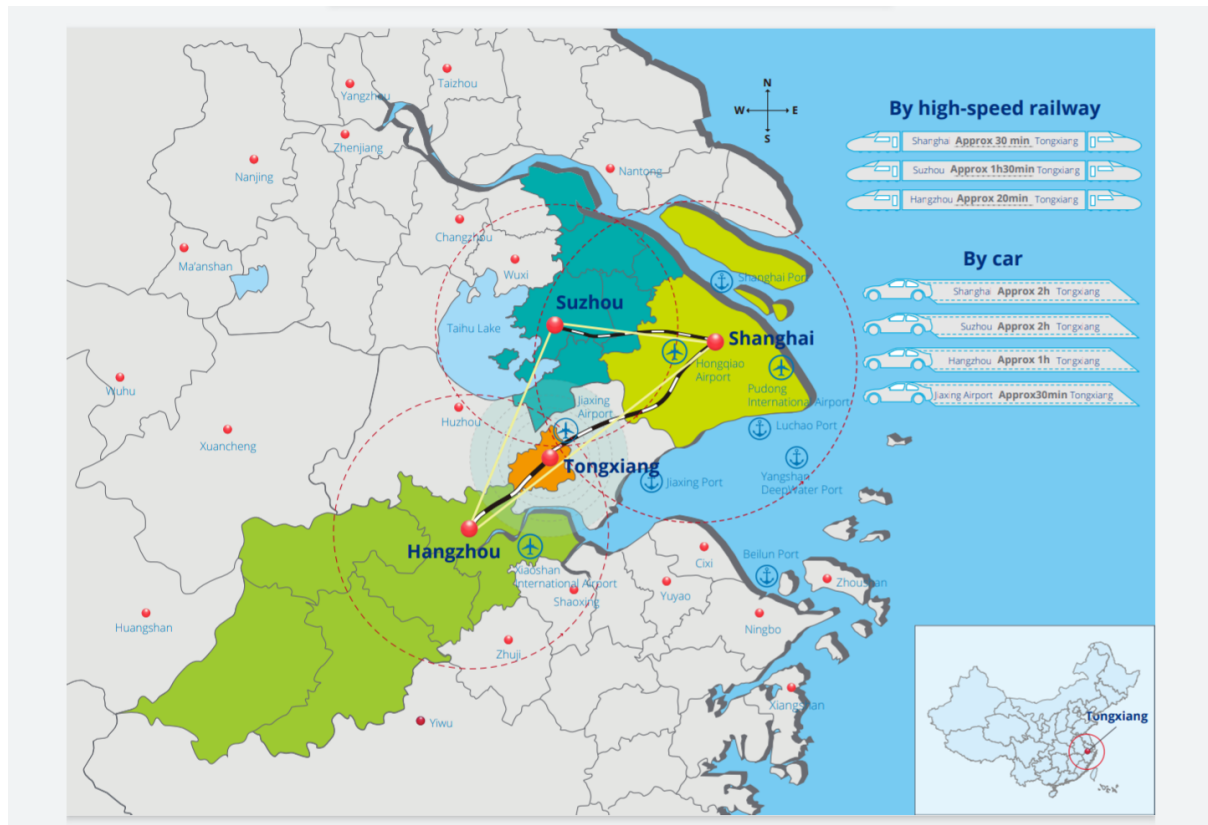
Email: wendyyang@zionshanghai.com

The Establishment of the Friendship City Relationship:

The friendship city relationship between the City of Cupertino and Tongxiang City was formed in 2017 with signing of the Intent of Friendship City Agreement in mid 2017 by City officials of both cities in Cupertino (photos 1-3), and an signing ceremony by both cities' representatives in Tongxiang in September 2017 (photos 4-7) followed by an unveiling ceremony of a commemorative sculpture of the two cities' logo merged together symbolizing the long lasting strong friendship between the two cities (photo above). Also in September, 2017, Tongxiang City received approval from Zhejiang Province to establish a formal friendship city relationship with the City of Cupertino. (photo 8) In November 2017, the City Council of the City of Cupertino voted unanimously to support the establishment of a formal friendship-city relationship with Tongxiang City.

Introduction of Tongxiang Friendship City:

Name of the Friendship City: Tongxiang City, Zhejiang Province, People's Republic of China



Tongxiang is a city in the northern Zhejiang Province, geographically located in a triangle formed by Shanghai, Hangzhou and Suzhou (the Huhangsu Triangle), an area renowned for its cultural and social-economical development. This premium geographical location, coupled with a comprehensive transportation network, affords the city a great market potential for further industrial development through sharing and exchange of resources with neighboring major cities. The local and central governments are also interested in high technology development.

Tongxiang City Profile:

Tongxiang has been long known as the land of fish and rice, the home of silk, and a place of beautiful landscape and rich cultural heritage. The city boasts many historic and cultural sites, including the ancient water-town of Wuzhen, the famous Fuyan Temple, the former residence of Mao Dun – a renowned novelist, YuanYuanTang – the former residence of artist Feng Zikai, and the Juntao Art Institute in honor of artist Qian Juntao.

Tongxiang is also known for its splendid legacies of the Majiabang and Liangzhu Cultures of the Neolithic Age and a water town culture nurtured by rivers and canals. Today, Tongxiang is increasingly engaging itself for further development.

Tongxiang New Industry Development Zone: The Tongxiang Municipal Government always adopts an enterprise-oriented approach and provides support for businesses in every stage of development through a one-stop administrative system, with positive actions to implement supporting policies, reduce the burden on enterprises,

develop industrial clusters and attract skilled professionals. As the initiator of a three-in-one governance pattern (i.e. a combination of rule by law, rule by morality and self governance) in China, Tongxiang has been trying to involve more civil forces to improve its public services and is growing into an important investment destination with unique competitive advantages in the Yangtze River Delta region. Having retained its historic charm and vigor, Tongxiang now aims to build a city providing manufacturing, services and internet economy. It is striving to develop into a "city of innovation", enabling business development and entrepreneurship in the Yangtze River Delta region.

City of Tongxiang's contact information:

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Cupertino - Tongxiang Friendship City, 2019-2021 Report of Activities



I、Summary of Activities since the renewal of the friendship city relationship in July, 2019:

In September 2019, Former Mayor Steven Scharf of Cupertino, and

President Angela Chen and Co-President Wendy Yang of the Cupertino-Tongxiang Friendship City Association visited Tongxiang City and attended Tongxiang City's annual international Economic and Trade Convention(photo 9). Mayor Scharf delivered a congratulatory speech at the opening ceremony of the Convention(photo 10). During the visit in Tongxiang, the Foreign Affairs Office of Zhejiang Province arranged visits to a fiber optics factory, an electric car production center, a senior medical center, their textile industries in Puyuan and the internet center at Wuzhang District. The mayors of the two cities held a meeting with staff in attendance to exchange information about various city businesses. (Photos 11-14, Powerpoint)

II、 Summary of exchanges and communications between Tongxiang City and Cupertino-Tongxiang Friendship City Association during the year 2020 global pandemic:

In the beginning of the California shelter-in-place regulation, there was a shortage of face masks worldwide. Tongxiang City was experiencing severe attack by the pandemic and a serious shortage of supply of protective gear, but they immediately sent a box of masks to the Friendship City Association to ensure the Association members were adequately protected.

2020 was a year of planning, Tongxiang staff and Friendship City Association members held monthly discussions online to update each other of the latest city information and plan future activities while waiting for the travel restrictions to be lifted.

In March 2021, Tongxiang City sent a special production of a video named Meet Qipao in Tongxiang, to the Friendship City Association in support of Cupertino Chamber of Commerce Lunar New Year celebration event. The video introduced Tongxing's location, its scenery, and Its silk products with the focus on the traditional Chinese dress, qipao. The video also served as a greeting to wish the City of Cupertino a very happy Lunar New Year. The Video is attached below for the Council and residents of Cupertino to enjoy.

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III. Description of activities held and outcomes. (Description of the activities and the results)

Since the establishment of the Friendship City relationship, City of Tongxiang set up a local office in Silicon Valley and supported local not-for-profit organizations in smart city activities and local, small and minority businesses activities.

IV. How the relationship has been mutually beneficial for Cupertino and the friendship community.

1. Through mutual visits and information exchange between the two cities, we learn from each other of the city's directions of future city services and economic development of the two cities, and promote cooperation in the economy, culture, talents and education areas.
2. The friendship and exchange of culture, education, and economic information between the two cities promotes friendly cooperative relations between the two cities, and provides opportunities for exchanges between local entrepreneurs. It has created positive effects for local enterprises on overseas business development.

Cupertino - Tongxiang Friendship City Association

June, 15, 2021

Photo 1



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7

浙江省人民政府外事侨务办公室文件

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关于同意桐乡市与美国加州库比蒂诺市 建立友好交流关系的批复

嘉兴市外侨办：

你办《关于中国桐乡市与美国加州库比蒂诺市建立友好交流关系的请示》（嘉外侨字〔2017〕34号）悉。经研究，同意桐乡市与库比蒂诺市建立友好交流关系。请在双方正式签署友好交流关系协议书后，将协议书副本报我办备案。

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Photo 8,

Photo 9



Photo 9



Photo 10



Photo 11



Photo 12



Photo 13



Photo 14

Powerpoint of Highlights of the 2019 trip to Tongxiang

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FoRNqag6FUIj6suSpKwj3XP7B7kBwGew/view?usp=sharing>

Link to download the video "Meet Qipao in Tongxiang/2021 Lunar New Year Greetings"

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