

## CUPERTINO FRIENDSHIP CITIES PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION

To be completed in English by the requesting organization:

1. Name and Country of the proposed Friendship City and the Friendship City Committee:

**Luoyang China, Luoyang Friendship City Committee.**

2. Today's date: **11/17/2016**

3. Name of person requesting relationship: **John Lee**

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4. City of Cupertino Sponsor: **Mayor Barry Chang**

5. Friendship City Elected Official Sponsor: **Vice Mayor Suxing Chen of Luoyang**

6. RATIONALE: Please explain the rationale and focus of the requested Friendship City Designation. Describe why a Friendship City relationship would be beneficial to the City of Cupertino and your local community, organization, and city.

**After multiple discussions with Mayor Chang he has agreed that there are many reasons that this relationship would be beneficial to the city. Cultural exchange, science conferences, investment opportunities, just to name a few.**

Please outline the areas of mutual strength and interest for each of the participants. Limit this section to four pages and attach it to this application. Items to include:

**Benefits: Luoyang has strong focus on technology, education, entrepreneurship, investment and tourism, cultural exchange. China is the leading country in renewable energy. Providing opportunity for an exchange of ideas and information. Cultural benefits from Mutual exchange students learning cultural diversity and history.**

• Names, titles, and affiliations of those who will be involved at the proponent Friendship City and the Friendship City Committee. Be sure to include information for the proponent Friendship City's Mayor as they will have the primary signing authority of the Friendship City.

**John Lee-Vice President of Western U. S. Henan Business Association**

**Lei Lei- Chairman/President of Yanghuang Science and Technology Park**

**Cupertino: Mayor Barry Chang**

**Luoyang: Vice Mayor Suxing Chen**

• Areas of mutual interest upon which the relationship will focus:

## Technology, Education, Entrepreneurship, Investment and Tourism.

- Opportunities for new activities and potential outcomes.

**Luoyang generates approximately \$60B. USD GDP in 2015, is ranked 51<sup>st</sup> out of 355 City**

**By align with a strong economy city, Cupertino could benefit from many areas, commerce, investment, trade, culture exchange and tourism just say a few.**

- Benefits and measurable results that the City of Cupertino and proponent Friendship City can expect as a result of the establishment of such a relationship.

**After discussing with Mayor Chang, Quantified measurement at this point is hard to say and the methodology can be discussed.**

**Luoyang is a city located in the confluence area of Luo River and Yellow River in Central China. It is a city in western Henan province, a state with over 100 million populations, and the most populated Provincial in China. It borders the provincial capital of Zhengzhou to the east. As of the final 2015 census, Luoyang had a population of 7,549,941 inhabitants with 2,857,003 people living in the built-up (or metro) area made of the city's five urban districts, all of which except the Jili District are not urbanized yet.**

**Luoyang has history dated back to 5,000 years with 108 Empires host this city as the Country Capital. It is the beginning of the silkroad.**

**It has 4 higher educational facilities:**

- **Luoyang Institute of Science and Technology (洛阳理工学院)**
- **Henan University of Science and Technology (河南科技大学)**
- **Luoyang Normal University (洛阳师范学院)**
- **PLA Foreign Language Institute, formerly known as the Luoyang PLA College of Foreign Languages.**

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**As of the end of 2015, Luoyang has 1 state-level development zone, size: 43 sq. miles.**



7. RESOURCES: Please address monetary and in-kind resources that may be necessary to conduct the activities of this relationship, how they are to be obtained, and from whom. If none, state “no funding required”. Please note that the City of Cupertino does not currently provide funding for Friendship Cities. Limit this section to one page and attach it to this application.

**No funding is required from Cupertino, Luoyang government or the association will provide all the funding or fund raising.**

8. PROFILE: Please attach a brief profile of your city and Friendship City Committee including, but not limited to: background, location, nature, size, and relevant programs. Limit the profile to no more than two pages.

**See above reply**

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please add any additional information about this proposed relationship, the proponent Friendship City, and/or the Friendship City Committee that you wish to share. Limit additional information to no more than 2 pages.

**Some of the projects planned: Student exchange program, investment projects presentation, start-up companies' competition, Venture capital road show, culture exchange, entertainment programs.**