

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:

___ Yilan, Taiwan and Cupertino and Yilan Friendship City Association ___

2. Today's date: ___ 11/18/2016 ___

3. Name of person requesting relationship: ___ Nancy Liu ___

Title: ___ President ___

Affiliation: ___ Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter ___

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Phone: ___ 669-255-7766 ___

4. City of Cupertino Sponsor: ___ Barry Chang ___

5. Friendship City Elected Official Sponsor: ___ Tsung-Hsien Lin ___

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

- 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.
- Areas of mutual interest upon which the relationship will focus.
- Opportunities for new activities and potential outcomes.
- 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.

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.

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.

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.

Yilan friendship city Proposal

The Yilan friendship city organization is a volunteer group consisting of hundreds of citizens from, but not limited to, the Bay Area. Our organization is currently branching out to other areas in California. Our organization promotes peace through people to people relationships, which is supplemented by cultural exchange programs, shared research, and development projects between cities. Our board members consist of the President Nancy Liu, Vice president Susan Lu, Treasurer Joyce Tao, Secretary Yuen-Yang Shu and Thomas Liu. Over the years since the organization has formed, we have established a strong relationship with the officials of Yilan and its people. Since then, they have given us much support and have helped us with the Kids'N Fun Festival (KFF) activities in last five years such as the Formosa Melody Music Group, Lang Yang Taiwanese Opera Company, and the Lan-Yang Dancers.

Our programs can be separated into four areas

Youth and Education

We provide kids with the experience of traveling abroad. It is important that they learn what it is like to be a guest, not a tourist. This helps them better learn about the cultural values and differences. We offer both short and long term activities and events. Studying abroad isn't only limited to children, but are also available to high school and college students as well. Studying abroad is often described as life changing and many current leaders in diplomacy can trace their interest to studying abroad.

Arts and Culture

Art and Culture programs are an age old staple in the relationships between cities. They allow people to experience and explore the independent cultures of different places, this enables them to gain insight into the history, values, and artistic side of other cultures. Our cultural exchange events can range between musical performances to art exhibits to international culture festivals.

Business and Trade

Business and Trade is the life blood of a city, through our city relationships we can help create connections between international municipal officials and businesses. These connections help build trust, access, and expertise which will lead to new and exciting opportunities. From access to new markets, navigating through import/export regulations or new partners, the possibilities are endless.

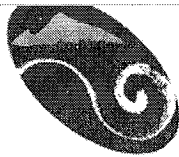
Community Development

Through our programs, we have helped cities implement new policies and techniques in sanitation, health, transport, tourism, economic development, and education. Our programs also help raise fund or collect supplies for any natural disaster or emergency that may plague our sister cities. Many other development projects have been done, including renovation of clinics, well building, and training medical personnels. Numerous programs also support schools abroad through donation of materials, construction, and partnerships with U.S. schools

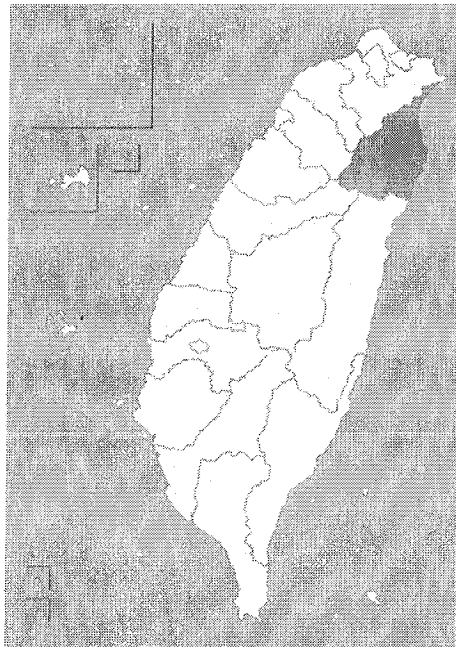
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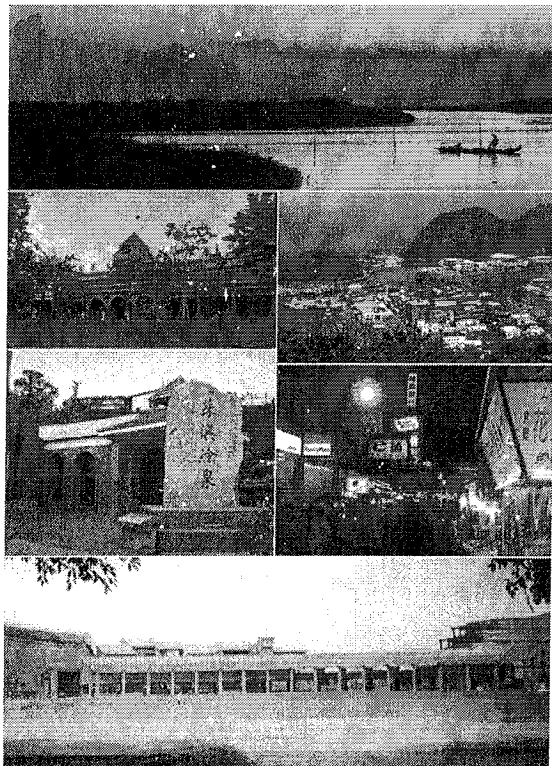


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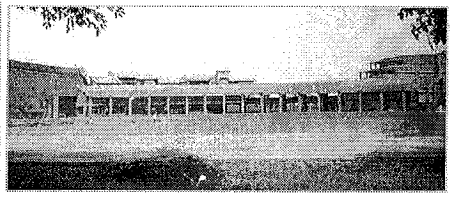
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Country	Taiwan
Province	Taiwan Province
Region	Northeastern Taiwan
Seat	Yilan City
Largest city	Yilan City
Boroughs	1 cities, 11 (3 urban, 8 rural) townships
Government	
• County Magistrate	Lin Tsung-hsien (DPP)
Area	
• Total	2,143.6251 km ² (827.6583 sq mi)
Area rank	6 of 22
Population (Dec. 2014)	
• Total	458,777
• Rank	17 of 22
• Density	210/km ² (550/sq mi)
Time zone	National Standard Time (UTC+8)
Website	www.e-land.gov.tw
Symbols	
Flower	Cymbidium
Tree	Chinese flame tree (<i>Koelreuteria formosana</i>)

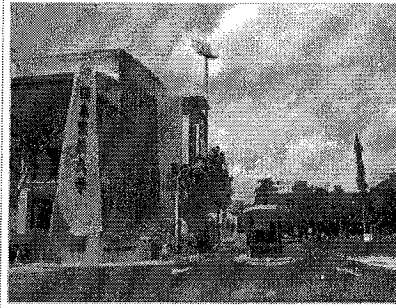


Historical population		
Year	Pop.	±%
1985	449,981	—
1990	450,943	+0.2%
1995	465,043	+3.1%
2000	465,186	+0.0%
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2010	460,486	+0.0%
2015	458,117	-0.5%

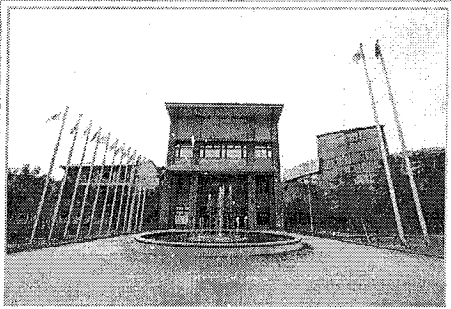
Source: "Populations by city and country in Taiwan" . Ministry of the Interior Population Census.



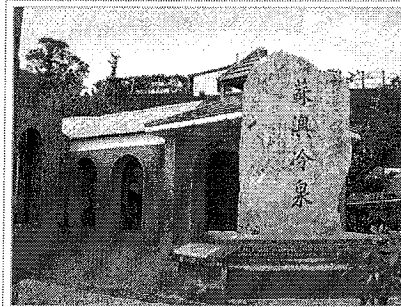
Yilan County Government



National Ilan University



Yilan County Council



Su-ao Cold Spring.



Yilan City, the county seat of Yilan County



Paddy fields in Yilan County

