



**CITY OF CUPERTINO  
FRIENDSHIP CITIES PROGRAM  
APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION**

**Instructions**

This application is to be completed by the Friendship City Committee of the requesting international city and submitted electronically to the Cupertino City Manager's Office by emailing [pio@cupertino.org](mailto:pio@cupertino.org).

**Background**

A Friendship Cities Designation is an established relationship between the City of Cupertino and a partnering international organization that is mutually beneficial. The first step towards establishing a Friendship Cities Designation is to complete this application. This application helps to identify proposed goals of the relationship, the supporting activities expected, and highlights the areas of interest strengths, or needs of each party. The proponents of establishing such a relationship must be a collaboration of a community organization (a Friendship City Committee) and an elected official of the participating international city.

**Who May Request a Friendship Cities Designation?**

Any established Friendship City Committee of the proponent Friendship City may submit an application. The most successful applications will have more than one sponsor and will represent multiple agencies or organizations.

**Processing and Approval of the Application**

This application will clearly state the rationale and the goals of the relationship and the mutual benefits in establishing this relationship. Once the designation is in place, all information in the application will be shared with the community and stakeholders upon request.

Complete information for key contacts and authorizing individuals (the signing authorities) must be provided before the relationship can be finalized. In addition, the committee must have a Cupertino Councilmember sponsorship. Incomplete information will delay the process. A Friendship Cities Designation will be authorized for a period of two (2) years as outlined in the City of Cupertino's "Policies and Guidelines on Sister Cities, Friendship Cities, and International Delegations" and will be subject to all guidelines therein.

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To be completed in English by the requesting organization:

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

Tai-zhou China; Tai-zhou Cupertino Friendship City

2. Today's date: 9/14

3. Name of person requesting relationship: Jan Dietzgen/Tara Sreekrishnan

Title: President/Vice President

Affiliation: Tai-zhou Cupertino Friendship City/UBC foundation

Address: 10675 South Deanza Blvd. Cupertino

Email: Jan @ Ubcyes.org

Phone: 408 768 0668

4. City of Cupertino Sponsor: Barry Chang

5. Friendship City Elected Official Sponsor: Lijun Shi, Mayor

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.

## 6. Rationale

### TaiZhou:

- 2100 years of history ; Population 5million; Area: 5787Km<sup>2</sup>; GDP: 270Billion Yuan (RMB)
- Peaceful and Harmony city
- Gardens and Backyard Parks for Shanghai, Nanjing and Hefei
- With relevant culture, population and business
- Strong sponsorship without extra financial burden to Cupertino
- Strong local link

### Names, titles in TaiZhou:

LiJun Shi, Mayor

### Areas of mutual interest:

- TaiZhou setup local office in Cupertino to promote mutual understanding among two cities.
- Taizhou invites Cupertino citizen to visit, tour and invest in Hefei.
- The delegates from TaiZhou will visit Cupertino for more opportunities.
- TaiZhou may send the students over to Cupertino for research and study.

### Opportunities for new activities and potential outcome:

- TaiZhou setup local office in Cupertino: help Cupertino economy
- TaiZhou invites citizen to visit, tour and invest: enrich Cupertino citizen
- The delegates from TaiZhou: create more opportunities
- TaiZhou send students over: more ties between two cities



#### Benefits:

- Cupertino have the opportunity to go out, go global, explore, experience and participate the peaceful, harmony growing on the city with over 2100 years of history

#### 7. RESOURCES

- TaiZhou has full budget for global cooperation, especially for friendship cities
- Many programs and activities are sponsored by TaiZhou
- Absolutely no worries to Cupertino in terms of financial burden

#### 8. PROFILE:

The TaiZhou Cupertino friendship city committee:

Background: the committee is formed for promoting friend ship between two cities by a group of volunteers from various fields.

Location: 10675 South Deanza Blvd, Cupertino

Nature: volunteers, non profit

Size: 15 committee members

Relevant programs:

- Setup local office to promote city, culture and opportunities
- Invites citizen to visit, tour and invest from both cities
- Organizing exchange students program