

Proposal for Friendship City between City of Cupertino, California, USA and City of Taipei, Republic of China (ROC)

To: City of Cupertino

From: Cupertino-Taipei Friendship City Association

Date: September 14th, 2016

Re: Establish Friendship City between City of Cupertino, CA, USA and City of Taipei, ROC

Dear City of Cupertino,

This is to request that you to establish Friendship City Relationship between City of Cupertino, and City of Taipei.

Cupertino-Taipei Friendship City Association

Cupertino-Taipei Friendship City Association is founded in Cupertino by a group of Cupertino residents and friends. The Association will apply for a non-profit organization status from IRS. The founding members of the Association are the following:

President: Vivian Wang

Vice President: Lisa Wang

Secretary: Jason Chao

Treasurer: C. P. Feng

Funding the Proposal

The Association will actively pursue fund raising activities for hosting the major events. The Association will ask community members to participate. Many residents have already shown great interests in this endeavor. No funding will be asked from City of Cupertino.

Plan of Events in the future

The main themes of the Association are:

- a. To hold Intelligent City Conferences between the two cities.
- b. To exchange information and intelligence on traffic improvement strategies and tactics.
- c. To establish communication and corporation on issues related to education, science, technology, commerce, and industrial intelligence .



**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.

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.

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:

Cupertino-Taipei Friendship City Association

Country: Republic of China

2. Today's date: September 14, 2016

3. Name of persons requesting relationship: Vivian Wang, Lisa Wang, Jason Chao and C.P. Feng

Title: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Affiliation: Cupertino-Taipei Friendship City Association

Address: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

4. City of Cupertino Sponsor: Mayor Barry Chang

5. Friendship City Elected Official Sponsor: Mayor Ko Wen-je

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.