

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 ____

Address: ____ [REDACTED] ____

Email: ____ [REDACTED] ____

Phone: ____ [REDACTED] ____

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

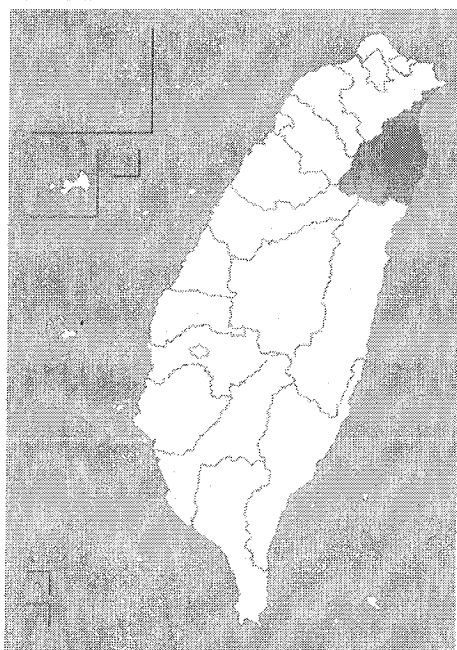
Kind Regards,





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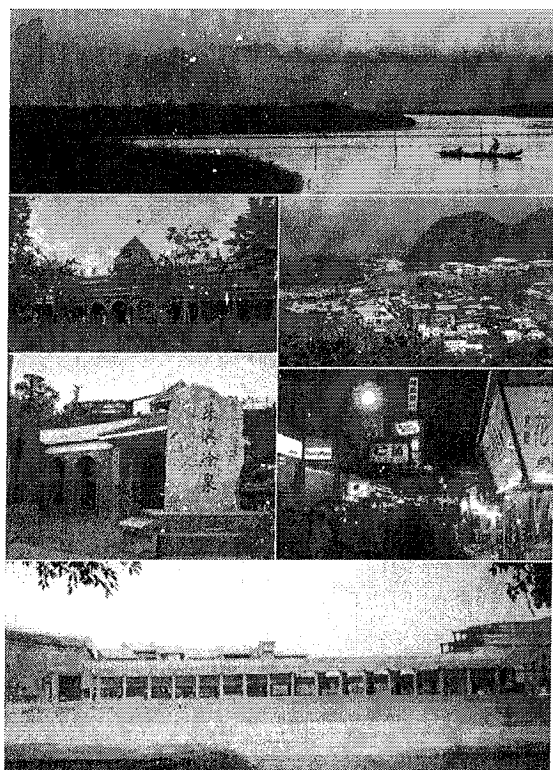


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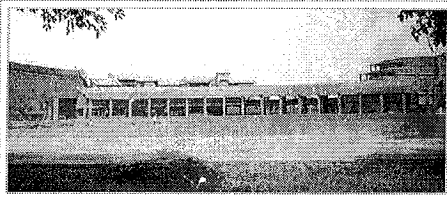
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| Country | Taiwan |
| Province | Taiwan Province |
| Region | Northeastern Taiwan |
| Seat | Yilan City |
| Largest city | Yilan City |
| Boroughs | 1 cities, 11 (3 urban, 8 rural) townships |
| Government | |
| • County Magistrate | Lin Tsung-hsien (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% |
| 2005 | 460,426 | −1.0% |
| 2010 | 460,486 | +0.0% |
| 2015 | 458,117 | −0.5% |

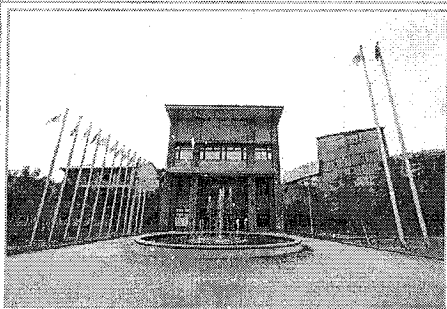
Source: "Populations by city and country in Taiwan"  Ministry of the Interior Population Census.



Yilan County Government



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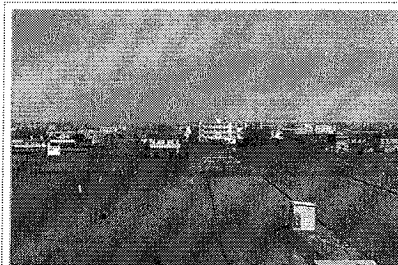
Yilan County Council



Su-ao Cold Spring.



Yilan City, the county seat of Yilan County



Paddy fields in Yilan County



Yilan Cupertino-Jiangmen Friendship City Committee Activity Report

CYFC past activities and future plan for Cupertino City review

For many years, Yilan is the home of "International Children's Folklore Festival" which is certified by UNESCO.

(<http://www.visiontimes.com/2017/07/16/an-intriguing-childrens-folklore-festival-certified-by-unesco.html>).

In 2010, a group of local Taiwanese leaders worked with YiLan officials and brought the first Kids Fun Festival (KFF) to City of Cupertino in August 2010. And after fostering several years of collaboration and friendships, CYFC (Cupertino Yilan Friendship Cities) was established in December 2016.

Past two years activities and future plan:

A. 2017-2018 activities:

1. December 2016: Sfter Magistrate Lin August visit, Mayor Barry Chang visited YiLan to finalize Friendship Cities agreement with Magistrate Lin.
2. March 2017: CYFC delegation visited Yilan to invite YiLan Opera Group to 2017 KFF.
3. August 2017: A Taiwanese Opera performance group of 15 visited Cupertino City and performed at August 12 KFF. <https://enwww.e-land.gov.tw/cp.aspx?n=17593A48C9FA6FCF&s=FE41AB4CD0D44E04>
4. August 2017: CYFC has a booth at KFF to promote Yilan culture.
5. April 2018: CYFC group of 5 visited Yialn to discuss 2018 plan. Also visited Yilan Opera House to learn the art form.
6. August 2018: A Root Group (<https://www.facebook.com/ARoot2016>) visited and performed at 2018 KFF.
7. August 2018: CYFC had a tent at KFF to promote CYFC awareness to 10,000s of event attendees.
8. December 2018: Annual meeting and news release of new President and Board election.

B. List of delegation to Cupertino.

1. August 2016: YiLan Magistrate Mr. Lin with 8 staff visited Mayor Barry Chang to establish friendship city agreement.
2. August 2017: Yilan Opera Group (group of 15) visited Mayor Savita Vaidhyathan and performed at KFF main stage and international stage.
3. August 2018: A Root Group (group of 7) visited Mayor Darcy Paul and performed at KFF main stage and international stage. They also visited Madera City, Los Angeles after KFF.

C. Future plan

2019 plan: The following is the major plan for 2019.

1. Feb 16, 2019: Operate a booth at Lunar Year Lantern Festival to recruit members.
2. March 26, 2019: Showcase of Yilan kumquat preservation technique at Quinlan Center.
3. March 28 2019: Video conference with YiLan HS for exchange student logistics.
4. May to August 2019: Planning and hosting Yilan performance group for their US trip.
5. Summer 2019: Plan for 5-8 exchange student between Yilan and Cupertino.
6. August KFF: Host a booth to promote Cupertino-Yilan relationship.
7. Other activities.

2020 plan: CYFC will review and form 2020 plan in Q4 2019.

Best regards,

Susan Lu
2019 CYFC President

March 2017: Visit Yilan Magistrate Wu (right 3) to invite opera group.



August 2018: Yilan Opera Group visited Cupertino



April 2018: CYFC YiLan Opera Museum visit



August Kid Fun Festival attendance

