



July 17, 2019

4th US -China Mayors' Summit

Sister Cities International Annual Conference

"Cities Mean Business"

Houston, Texas July 17-19, 2019

40 Years Ahead: Stronger Friendship, Closer Cooperation

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7:00 am to 8:30 **Breakfast and Viewing of the Shanghai Photo Exhibition**----"Trans-Pacific Exchanges and Cooperation, Shanghai Commemorates the 40th Anniversary of China - US Diplomatic Relations, 2nd Floor Foyer, Marriott Marquis

8:00 am Pick up Translation Equipment

8:30 am **Official Ribbon Cutting for Shanghai Photo Exhibition**

Madame Li Xiaolin, President, Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)

The Honorable Ellen Cohen, Mayor Pro Tempore of Houston

Carol Robertson Lopez, Chair, US China Summit

8:45-9:15 **Opening Ceremony and Welcome**

MC: Carol Robertson Lopez, Summit Chair, Vice Chair Sister Cities International

The Honorable Ellen Cohen, Mayor Pro Tempore of Houston

The Honorable Ron Nirenberg, Mayor of San Antonio, Chair of Sister Cities International

Madame Li Xiaolin, President, CPAFFC

Honorable Robert W. Ogburn, Director, Office of Citizen Exchanges, DCA, US Dept of State

9:15-9:45 **Keynote Address**

China - H. E. Cui Tiankai, PRC Ambassador to the United States, (Introduced by Harry Gee, Chair of Houston Sister Cities)

United States - Charles Foster, Chair, US China Partnership (Introduced by Bo Fan, SCIF Representative, US China Endowment)

9:45-10:45 **Innovation and Smart Cities:** How Cities in China and the United States are enhancing competitiveness through technology, creativity and innovation and protecting the urban environment.

Moderator: The Honorable Helene Schneider, Former Mayor of Santa Barbara

Speakers:

1. Honorable Anise Parker , Former Mayor of Houston
2. Niu Qingbao, Vice Mayor of Chengdu Municipal People's Government
3. Song Ping, Vice Director of Standing Committee of Guiyang Municipal People's Congress
4. Yuan Liming, Vice Director of Standing Committee of Guiyang Municipal People's Congress
5. The Honorable Helene Schneider, Former Mayor of Santa Barbara

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 **Maritime Silk Road and Impact:** Highlighting Sister Cities relationships and documenting the impact over time,

Moderator: Mary Blankenship Pointer, Oklahoma City/Haikou

Speakers:

1. Peng Nian, Assistant Research Fellow, National Institute of South China Sea Studies
2. Jia Xiaoqiang, Vice Chairman, Haikou People's Congress
3. Mary Blankenship Pinter, Oklahoma City/Haikou
4. Lihuang Wung, Tacoma/Fuzhou
5. Zhang Ping, Consultant of the Foreign Affairs Office of Fuzhou Municipal People's Government
6. Luo Shijian, Vice Mayor of Baise Municipal People's Government
7. Port of Houston Authority Representative, Harry Gee

12 to 1:30 **LUNCHEON Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China**

MC: Roger-Mark De Souza, President and CEO Sister Cities International

Tim Quigley, Chair, SCI Foundation, US China Endowment

Mr. Liu Jiianyang, Mayor of Nanchang

Cultural Offering (Asia Dance School) Polly Yu

1:30-2:30 **Metroplex Collaborations, and the Future for Economic Growth**

Moderator: Mae Ferguson, President/CEO, Ft.Worth Sister Cities

Speakers:

1. Jensen Shen, Director, Asia, Australia, Oceania, Greater Houston Partnership
2. Dr. Jiajie Zhang UT Health, The University of Texas Houston Medical Center. Disruptive Technology in Healthcare
3. Zhang Xiaosong, Director-General of Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office
4. Zhong Jiajun, Deputy Director General of Foreign Affairs Office of Shenzhen Municipal People's Government
5. Xiong Yanliang, Executive Deputy Director General, The Administration of Xiamen Area of China (Fujian) Pilot Free Trade Zone

2:30 to 3:30 **Sino-Foreign Educational Cooperation and Exchanges**

Moderator: Cindy Elliott Assistant Vice President for Global Partnerships, Fort Hays University

Speakers:

1. Dr. Kurt Ewen, Vice Chancellor for Planning & Institutional Effectiveness, Houston Community College
2. Steven Chen, Assistant to the Chairman of Sias University Xinzheng, Henan, China
3. Dr. Carolyn Bishop, President for the Consortium for Global Education
4. Liu Xiaojun, Member of the Standing Committee of Yan'an Municipal Party Committee, Vice Governor of the Yan'an Municipal People's Government
5. Yan Ping, Vice Chairman of Jiujiang Municipal People's Political Consultative Conference

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-4:45 **Energizing Sister Cities Relationships between US and China:** Case studies on successful partnerships, documenting impacts on local communities; best practices; how to overcome challenges, and potential areas for strategic growth. Self Introduction of Cities seeking new sister cities relationships.

Moderator; The Honorable Alix DeSulme, Vice Mayor, North Miami

Speakers:

1. Lin Ye, Albuquerque, Lazhou Sister Cities Committee, Tim Keller, Mayor
2. Peng Daiyuan, Vice Mayor of Guilin
3. Chen Baiwei, Deputy Director-General, Shandong Provincial Foreign Affairs Office
4. Cao Hui, Executive Vice President, Shaanxi Provincial People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries
5. Wu Shaozhong, Director General, Shanxi Provincial Foreign Affairs Office
6. Honorable Georgine Welo and President of City Council, South Euclid, Ohio
7. Yang Wumin, Deputy mayor, Weinan municipal people's government
8. Chen Yi, Principal Staff of Beijing People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries

4:45-5:00

Summit Observations and Conclusions

Rapporteur- Roger-Mark De Souza, CEO/President

The Honorable Ron Nirenberg, Mayor of San Antonio, Chair of SCI

Ambassador Li, PRC Consul General of Houston

Adjourn: Carol Robertson Lopez, Summit Chair and Vice Chair of SCI

5:00 to 6:30 Reception in Foyer