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4th US -China Sister Cities 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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07:00 to 08:30 **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

08:00 Pick up Translation Equipment

08:30-09:00 Opening Ceremony and Welcome

MC: Carol Robertson Lopez, Chair, 4th US-China Sister Cities Mayor's Summit and Vice Chair, Sister Cities International (SCI)

Speakers:

1. The Honorable Ellen Cohen, Mayor Pro Tempore of Houston
2. Madame Li Xiaolin, President, Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)
3. The Honorable Ron Nirenberg, Mayor of San Antonio and Chair, Sister Cities International
4. Honorable Liu Jianyang, Mayor, Nanchang Municipal People's Government
5. Honorable Robert W. Ogburn, Director, Office of Citizen Exchanges, DCA, US Dept of State
6. Minister Counselor Yin Chengwu, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States, Letter from H.E. Cui Tiankai, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the United States

09:00-09:15 **Official Ribbon Cutting for Shanghai Photo Exhibition**

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

Zhang Xiaosong, Director-General of Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office

The Honorable Ellen Cohen, Mayor Pro Tempore of Houston

H. E. Li Qiangmin, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Houston

Minister Counselor Yin Chengwu, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States.

Carol Robertson Lopez, Chair, 4th US-China Sister Cities Mayor's Summit and Vice Chair, Sister Cities International (SCI)

9:15-9:45 **Keynote Address: 40 Years of Diplomatic Relations between the US and China**

China - H. E. Li Qiangmin, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Houston
(Introduced by Harry Gee, Chair of Houston Sister Cities)

United States - Charles Foster, Chair, US China Partnership (Introduced by Bo Fan, Sister Cities International Foundation 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. Li Li, Vice President of Chengdu People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries
3. Zhong Jiajun, Deputy Director General of Foreign Affairs Office of Shenzhen Municipal People's Government
4. Yuan Liming, Vice Chairman, Standing Committee of Changsha 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, President, Oklahoma City Sister Cities/Sister City Haikou

Speakers:

1. Peng Nian, Assistant Research Fellow, National Institute of South China Sea Studies
2. Jie Xiaoqiang, Vice Chairman, Haikou Municipal People's Congress
3. Mary Blankenship Pointer, Oklahoma City/Haikou Sister Cities

4. Lihuang Wung, Urban Planner, City of Tacoma representing Tacoma/Fuzhou Sister Cities Committee
5. Zhang Ping, Consultant, Foreign Affairs Office of Fuzhou Municipal People's Government
6. Luo Shijian, Vice Mayor, Baise Municipal People's Government
7. Port of Houston Authority Representative, Harry Gee

12:00 to 13:30 **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
 Nanchang Municipal People's Government Presentation
 Cultural Offering: Dance of Asian American, Janie Yao

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. Song Ping, Vice Chairman, Standing Committee of Guiyang Municipal People's Congress
3. Dr. Jiajie Zhang UT Health, The University of Texas Houston Medical Center, *Disruptive Technology in Healthcare*
4. Liu Dehui, Director General, Nanchang High-Tech Development Zone Administrative Committee
5. Gao Houping, Director General, Foreign Affairs Office of Luliang Municipal People's Government, Shanxi Province

14:30 to 15:30 **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. Yan Ping, Vice Chairman, Jiujang Municipal People's Political Consultative Conference
3. Steven Chen, Assistant to the Chairman of Sias University Xinzheng, Henan, China
4. Zhou Hong, President, Yunnan Provincial People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries
5. Dr. Carolyn Bishop, President for the Consortium for Global Education
6. Lan Aiping, Director General, Yan'an Education Bureau
7. Nian Qi, Deputy Director General, Fuzhou Municipal Education Bureau

15:30-15:45 Break

15:45-16:45 **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, Lanzhou Sister Cities Committee, Representative of Mayor Tim Keller of Albuquerque
2. Zhang Jun, Deputy Director General, Foreign Affairs Office of Nanjing Municipal People's Government
3. Peng Daiyuan, Vice Mayor, Guilin Municipal People's Government
4. Chen Baiwei, Deputy Director General, Shandong Provincial Foreign Affairs Office
5. Cao Hui, Executive Vice President, Shaanxi Provincial People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries
6. Honorable Peter Svartsbein, El Paso City Councilor
7. Yang Wumin, Deputy Mayor, Weinan Municipal People's Government
8. Chen Yi, Principal Staff, Beijing People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries

16:45-17:00 **Summit Observations and Conclusions**

Rapporteur- Roger-Mark de Souza, CEO and President, SCI

Closing Address

United States - Honorable Ron Nirenberg, Mayor of San Antonio, Chair of SCI
China – Peng Daiyuan, Vice Mayor, Guilin Municipal People's Government

Adjourn- Carol Robertson Lopez, Summit Chair and Vice Chair of US China Summit

17:00 to 18:30 Reception in Foyer