



**中国人民对外友好协会**  
The Chinese People's Association  
for Friendship with Foreign Countries

October 28, 2013

The Honorable DeWayne Hopkins  
Office of the Mayor  
5602 Reynolds Avenue  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Dear Mayor Hopkins,

We are pleased to announce the 2014 U.S.-China Sister Cities Conference to commemorate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first sister city relationship between the United States and China!

On behalf of Sister Cities International and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, it is with great honor that we invite you to serve on our Honorary Host Committee. The 2014 U.S.-China Sister Cities conference will be held in Washington, D.C. at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center on March 27, 2014, with a special welcome reception the evening of March 26, 2014 at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China.

Sister Cities International and Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries are proud to promote and strengthen relations between the United States and China through our over 190 sister city relationships and over 40 sister state relationships. We formalized our organizations' longstanding relations in a Memorandum of Understanding signed in September 2012 in Chengdu, China, and are delighted to see the signing highlighted in the 2013 U.S.-China Strategic & Economic Dialogue. Our organizations are committed to strengthening subnational relations and people-to-people exchange to bring greater peace, prosperity, and mutual friendship between the people of the United States and China.

Sister Cities International is a non-profit membership organization that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. citizen diplomats and international communities. With a network of 2,000 cities in 140 countries throughout the world, Sister Cities International strives to build global cooperation at a municipal level, promote cultural understanding, and stimulate economic growth.

The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries is a national people's organization engaged in people-to-people diplomacy of the People's Republic of China with the purposes of enhancing people's friendship, furthering international cooperation, safeguarding world peace, and promoting common development. It has established relations of friendship and cooperation with nearly 500 nongovernmental organizations and institutions in 157 countries.

We sincerely hope that you will accept our invitation to join us during our 2014 U.S.-China Sister Cities Conference. We will be in touch with your office in the coming weeks to confirm your availability. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact us at 202-347-8632 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary D. Kane".

Mary D. Kane  
President and CEO  
Sister Cities International

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the Chinese characters "李小林" (Li Xiaolin).

Li Xiaolin  
President  
Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries





## U.S.-China Sister Cities Conference

## 中美友好城市大会

Washington D.C. 2014.3.26-28



Join business leaders, government officials, and citizen diplomats from the U.S. and China at the 2014 U.S.-China Sister Cities Conference to examine new and exciting opportunities for U.S.-Chinese sister cities relationships and explore new sister city partnerships.

The Conference will include informative educational sessions from industry thought leaders and numerous forums to socialize and network.

### Sessions Include:

History of U.S.-Chinese relationships  
Innovative Exchanges and Programs  
Building Business Relations through Sister City Relations  
Future of U.S.-Chinese Sister Cities  
*and the exclusive*  
U.S.-China Sister Cities Awards Ceremony & Dinner

### When:

Wednesday, March 26 - Friday, March 28

### Where:

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004

### To Register:

Visit [www.sister-cities.org/USChina](http://www.sister-cities.org/USChina)



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**THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION FOR**  
**FRIENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

November 25, 2013

Sarah Lande  
515 West Second Street  
Muscatine, Iowa 52761

Dear Sarah,

I was very delighted to receive your warm letter. As always, I was deeply touched by your passion and enthusiasm for the friendship work between China and the United States. It gives me special joy to learn that the Iowa-Hebei 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations reached a complete success. President Xi's message of congratulation shows our government's commitment to promote subnational exchanges. And I believe it will encourage more people to take an active part in this endeavor.

You are most suitable for the award of "Friendship Ambassador", and it is our privilege to present this title to you. I will let my colleagues to provide you with background of other Friendship Ambassadors and hope you could work together to better our relations.

How wonderful that the song "Lasting Memory" is so well received! I hope that more American elements will be added to the song, and the English version could be done soon, so that it will pass on in our two countries.

Thank you for your interest in Glen Beneda's story. He is one of the great heroes in our hearts, and a true example of the long-lasting friendship between our two peoples.

It will be our honor and pleasure if Mayor Hopkins can join the US-China Sister Cities Conference next March. He can contact Sister Cities International, which is our co-host in the US for detailed information about this conference.

I wish you happy life and good health. Look forward to seeing you soon.

With best regards and friendship.

Li Xiaolin  
President  
CPAFFC

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