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Mayor Johnson Signs Memorandum of Agreement with Sister City Jinan, China

WHO: City of Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson
Jinan-Sacramento Sister City Corporation

WHEN: Thursday, June 17th, 2010 at 1:30 pm

WHERE: Sacramento City Hall, 5th Floor Conference Room
915 I Street, Sacramento CA

On Thursday, June 17, 2010, the City of Sacramento will welcome an official delegation from its sister city Jinan, China. The delegation is here to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the sister-city relationship between Sacramento and Jinan. Mayor Kevin Johnson will meet the delegation at City Hall and sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to outline the sister-city exchange for 2011 - 2015. The MOA includes many benefits to Sacramentans especially students and planned exchanges that will bring visitors to Sacramento and will help – as Mayor Johnson states – “put Sacramento on the World map.”

On October 16, 1984, the Sacramento City Council endorsed the sister city affiliation with Jinan through a Resolution. On May 19, 1985, the first delegation from Sacramento visited Jinan, and the City Government of Jinan signed an agreement to officially recognize Sacramento as its sister city. The Jinan-Sacramento Sister City Corporation (JSSCC) is a non-profit organization established for the sole purpose of promoting people-to-people exchanges between our two cities. The goal is to encourage the people of the City of Sacramento and the City of Jinan to develop friendships and partnerships in order to understand one another and to respect each other’s culture and heritage.

Over the past 25 years, JSSCC has sponsored economic, educational and cultural exchanges to promote understanding and cooperation between our two cities. The “Youth Ambassador” program offers scholarships and subsidized trips for Sacramento and Jinan students and teachers to visit and study in each other’s countries. Next month, a group of 19 local students and teachers will visit China and attend the International Youth Festival in Jinan. This is the fifth year that JSSCC has organized the subsidized “Youth Ambassador” trip for local students. In July, Sacramento will welcome eight middle school students from Jinan to attend the Sacramento Youth Symphony’s Summer Chamber Music Workshop and play concerts together. The group is sponsored by JSSCC.

For more information, please visit <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/sistercities/jinan.htm> or www.jsscc.org.

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