

**Charter Agreement Between**  
**Taiyuan, Capital of Shanxi Province, People's Republic of China, and**  
**The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County**  
**("Nashville"), Capital of the State of Tennessee, United States of**  
**America On the Establishment of a Sister-City Relationship**

Taiyuan, Capital City of Shanxi Province, People's Republic of China and Nashville, Capital City of the State of Tennessee, United States of America on the Establishment of Sister-City Relationship

Acting in accordance with the Principles of the Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations Between the People's Republic of China and the United States of America,

Wishing to enhance mutual understanding and friendship between the Chinese and American peoples, and consolidate and develop friendly cooperation between the two cities,

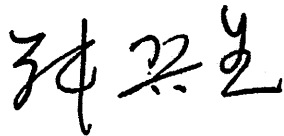
Have reached agreement, through friendly consultations, on the establishment of a sister-city relationship.

1. The two sides will carry out, in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit and the policies of the People's Republic of China and The United States, exchanges and cooperation in economic development and trade, culture, and education to promote common prosperity and development.

2. Regular contacts shall be maintained between the leaders and relevant departments of the two cities to facilitate consultations on the exchanges and cooperation as well as matters of common concern.

3. This Agreement shall be effective from the date of signature. It will be valid for five years. Upon expiration, it will remain effective unless either city terminates it.

4. This Agreement, signed on April 18, 2007, in Taiyuan, was signed in duplicate in both Chinese and English, both texts being equally authentic.



(signed)

City of Taiyuan

The People's Republic of China



(signed)

Metropolitan Government of Nashville

The United States of America

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