



Sister Cities Agreement
between the
City of Baguio, Republic of the Philippines
and the
City of San Antonio, Texas, United States of America



PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Sister Cities International was established in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation – one individual, one community at a time;

WHEREAS, the diplomatic relationship between the Republic of the Philippines and the United States of America was established in 1946, but the robust historical and cultural ties of both nations date back much further;

WHEREAS, the American influence in the Philippines resonates nowhere more than in the City of Baguio – a former hill station of the Federal Government in the 1900s;

WHEREAS, Baguio City's distinction as the Summer Capital of the Philippines is enshrined in a declaration of the Philippine Commission, also known as the Taft Commission in the year 1903;

WHEREAS, the City of Baguio and the City of San Antonio, share similar attributes in terms of tourism, trade, health care, education, socio-cultural, military and emergency management, culture and arts, and governance;

AFFIRMATION

Citing the longstanding Filipino-American expression of mutual support to understanding, expansion of official and non-governmental exchanges, and friendship through the promotion of peace, stability and prosperity, both cities bind themselves towards greater heights and innate reciprocation on the following terms:

1. Conduct research in areas that would be beneficial to both cities.
2. Promote activities in the fields of commerce and trade, tourism, health care, education, socio-cultural, ecology and sustainability; military and emergency management.
3. Sanction other worthwhile pursuits, such as, but not limited to:
 - i. Publicizing relations between cities;
 - ii. exchanging gifts and articles of cultural and informative value;
 - iii. promoting formal and friendly relations between organizations and clubs, schools and universities, and chambers of commerce; and
 - iv. arranging cultural and business visitation.
4. Maintain concrete liaison between the Baguio City Tourism Office and San Antonio City Global Engagement Office, Economic Development Department for the implementation of programs between the two cities, while engaging other departments and community partners as appropriate.
5. As for the matters not mentioned in the Agreement, the two city governments will decide upon them through friendly negotiation under the conditions of mutual understanding and friendship.

SUBSCRIBED

NOW, THEREFORE BE, IT RESOLVED, that this Sister Cities Agreement was mutually accepted, and subscribed to on the 13th day of July 2023, in the City of Baguio, Republic of the Philippines.

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