

International Relations Committee Meeting held October 10, 2018

A meeting of the International Relations Committee is held this day commencing at 3:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 201, 350 City Hall Square West, there being present the following members:

Councillor Fred Francis, Chair
Councillor John Elliott
Jerry Barycki
Maria Belenkova
Natasha Feghali
Dr. Sushil Jain
L.T. Zhao

Regrets received from:

Councillor Paul Borrelli
Councillor Irek Kusmierczyk

Guest in attendance:

C. Stephen MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation, regarding ***Item 4***

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:00 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. Minutes

Moved by N. Feghali, seconded by Dr. S. Jain,
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held
March 27, 2018 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

3. Declaration of Conflict

J. Barycki discloses an interest on Item 5.3 as he is the President of The Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor.

4. Presentation

Stephen MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation appears before the Committee to provide a verbal presentation regarding the possibility of conducting a business development mission to Poland in 2019. The highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- The development mission to Poland would have three major tracks/programs:
 - **Education:** explore student and/or professor exchanges, international student recruitment, opportunities for research collaboration
 - **Industry:** including business development for existing Windsor-Essex companies, business attraction and workforce recruitment
 - **Government:** good will, possibly Federal, Provincial and Municipal participation
- The dates for the development mission to Poland – May 11, 2019 to May 18, 2019
- The Canadian Embassy is in support of the mission to Poland.
- The mission will include a visit to Warsaw, Chelm and Lublin, Poland.

The Draft Itinerary for the business development mission to Poland is **attached** as Appendix "A".

In response to a question asked by Dr. Jain regarding what University of Windsor departments are being invited on the business development mission to Poland, S. MacKenzie responds a professor from the Business Department, representatives from the Cross Border Institute and Dr. Douglas Kneale, Interim President and Vice Chancellor.

In terms of representatives from St. Clair College, S. MacKenzie states he has had discussions with the Director of Research.

The Chair asks what is being done for the workforce in the City of Windsor. S. MacKenzie responds the WEEDC works with Workforce Windsor-Essex. He adds he is endeavouring to ensure that St. Clair College and the University of Windsor are offering courses in the trade industry.

Moved by Councillor Elliott, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That the verbal presentation by Stephen MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation regarding a business development mission to Poland in May 2019 **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

5. Business Items

5.1 Purchase of Gift for Fujisawa Misono Girls High School

Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$847.50 for the purchase of a gift for the Misono Girls High School.
Carried.

5.2 Update on the Children's Art Exhibition

The Chair thanks S. Gebauer for the excellent work in organizing and implementing the Children's Art Exhibition.

S. Gebauer advises certificates were sent to the children who participated in the Children's Art Exhibition, those being, Gunsan, South Korea, Fujisawa, Japan, Changchun, China and Las Vueltas, El Salvador. Letters were also sent from the Mayor's Office to the Mayors of the cities who participated.

Moved by N. Feghali, seconded by M. Belenkova,
That the verbal update provided by S. Gebauer, Council Assistant regarding the 2018 Children's Art Exhibition **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

5.3 23rd Annual Polish-Canadian Society Dinner – November 23, 2018

J. Barycki discloses an interest as he is the President of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor and leaves the room during the discussion.

Moved by Dr. Jain, seconded by L.T. Zhao,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$400 for Mayor Dilkens and three members of the IRC to attend the 23rd Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner to be held on November 23, 2018 at the Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Avenue.

Carried.

J. Barycki returns to the meeting.

6. Communications

Moved by N. Feghali, seconded by J. Barycki,

That the following communications **BE RECEIVED**:

- 6.1 Letter from Dr. Ludovic Roy, Chair of the Mannheim Twinning Association regarding the International SDG – Expert Conference with Mannheim’s partner cities.
- 6.2 Letter from the Mayor of Gunsan City to Mayor Dilkens thanking him for his congratulatory letter regarding his inauguration as Mayor of Gunsan City.
- 6.3 E-mail from Remigiusz Kowalczyk, City of Lublin regarding the Children’s Art Exchange Program.
- 6.4 E-mail from Hideomi Kawazone, City of Fujisawa regarding the visit of Dr. Kao from the University of Windsor to Fujisawa.
- 6.5 E-mail from James Zhou Yao, Vice Director of International Office of Jilin Huaqiao University of Foreign Languages, Changchun, regarding if the University of Windsor is interested in cooperating with the Jilin Huaqiao University in such subjects as English, business management, culture, economy or education.
- 6.6 E-mail from Serim Park, City of Gunsan advising of the inauguration of Mayor Kang Im-June.
- 6.7 Letter from Mayor Dilkens to the Mayor of the City of Gunsan extending congratulations to Mayor Kang Im-June on his election as Mayor.
- 6.8 E-mail advising the new representative in the Changchun Foreign Affairs Office is Michelle Haiyang.
- 6.9 E-mail from James Zhou Yao, regarding an Executive Program of Friendly Exchanges between the City of Windsor and City of Changchun.
- 6.10 Letter from Riko Jojima, Director, Kanagawa Plaza for Global Citizenship, Japan Overseas Cooperative Association regarding an invitation to submit children’s artwork to the 20th Kanagawa Biennial World Children’s Art Exhibition.
- 6.11 Letters from Mayor Dilkens to the following Cities regarding their participation in the Children’s Art Exchange – San Salvador, El Salvador Changchun, China, Fujisawa, Japan, Gunsan, South Korea.

Carried.

7. Confirm and Ratify E-Mail Polls

- 7.1 Moved by Councillor Elliott, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That the following motion **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED:**

That approval be given to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,000 for costs associated with the display and potential shipping costs related to the participation by the Twin Cities in the Children's Art Exhibition to be held at Windsor City Hall from August 24, 2018 to September 4, 2018, and further, that the funding also include participation in the Children's Art Exhibition to be held in Gunsan, South Korea in the Fall of 2018.

Carried.

- 7.2 Moved by Councillor Elliott, seconded by Dr. Jain,
That the following motion **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED:**

That approval be given to an expenditure in the amount of \$350 for the admission costs for a group of twenty-two (22) students from the Fujisawa Misono Girls High School as well as teachers, escorts, and local instructors to visit Adventure Bay on July 31, 2018 and for costs associated with hosting the Misono Girls High School at Windsor City Hall on Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

Carried.

8. New Business

The Chair thanks the Committee members for their participation on the IRC over the past four years. He indicates multiple delegations were hosted on several occasions, most notably, the City of Windsor's 125 Birthday. He further adds discussion has taken place with potential new Twin Cities, and new relationships have been established with El Salvador and Las Vueltas.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 3:35 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR



International Relations Committee – 2018 Annual Report

Membership

Councillor Fred Francis, Chairperson
Councillor Irek Kusmierczyk
Councillor John Elliott
Councillor Paul Borrelli
Mr. Wissam Aoun
Mr. Bryan Bailey
Mr. Jerry Barycki
Ms. Maria Balenkova
Ms. Natasha Feghali
Dr. Sushil Jain
Mr. L.T. Zhao

Mandate

- Support the efforts of the Mayor and Council in the enhancement of Windsor's international image
- Promote and enhance our relationship with current twin cities
- Support international education, cultural, sport and economic initiatives

The International Relations Committee continues to promote Windsor's international interests and image through its focus on strengthening the current community based twin city relationships both abroad and in the local community. This is achieved through the committee's continued support towards educational, cultural, social and economic based exchanges. The committee also devotes its energies towards the exploration of potential new or emerging twin city relationships where there is a desire to twin based on a strong local community commitment, and where long term, valuable exchanges are realized.

Official Delegation – Fujisawa, Japan and Gunsan, South Korea

From February 8th through February 13th, 2018, an official Delegation from the City of Windsor, led by Mayor Drew Dilkens and International Committee Members, Councillor Fred Francis (Chairperson), Jerry Barycki, Sushil Jain, and L.T. Zhao, travelled to Fujisawa, Japan and Gunsan, South Korea to commemorate the 30th and 12th Anniversaries of our twinning, respectively, and to continue to build upon these relationships.

Fujisawa, Japan – February 8-11, 2018

The delegation was invited to Fujisawa to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the twinning relationship between Windsor and Fujisawa. During their visit the delegation met with Mayor Tsuneo Suzuki and Mr. Takayuki Masuda, Chair of the international Sister City Committee of Fujisawa, Members of Fujisawa City Council, Members of the international Sister City Committee of Fujisawa, Members of the Japan Canada Society of Shonan, Members of Fujisawa Chamber of Commerce and more.

The delegation had the opportunity to tour Fujisawa's newly built City Hall. They also enjoyed a visit and tour of Isuzu Plaza, a large automobile gallery run by Isuzu Motors Limited, and experienced a traditional Japanese tea ceremony at Yugyo-ji Temple.

The group participated in a tree planting ceremony held at Fujisawa City Hall, with the Mayor of Nagasaki, to commemorate the 30th anniversary conference of the "National Council of Japan Nuclear Free Local Authorities."

A highlight of the trip was the visit to the Misono Girl's School in Fujisawa that included a tour of the new English Learning Centre and presentations from the students, some of which were part of the exchange group that visited Windsor in July 2017.



Gunsan, South Korea – February 11-13, 2018



The delegation was welcomed to Gunsan by Mayor Moon Dong-Shin, Deputy Mayor Jun-Su Han, Ms. Joung-Hi Park, Chairperson of City Council and other Officials from the City of Gunsan.

While in Gunsan the group had the opportunity to experience the Time Travel Village in the Modern Cultural Heritage Project District, to learn more about the history and culture of Gunsan. One of the highlights of the trip was the visit to the Saemangeum 33 Centre and the Saemangeum Seawall, which is the world's largest. The seawall is part of a long-term national reclamation project that will add approximately 400 square kilometres to the Korean peninsula once the area where the river meets the sea has been completely filled. Because of its strategic location, the aim is to develop the new land into a global economic cooperation hub.

The successful five-day trip served to build upon the strong ties, which have developed between the City of Windsor and the cities of Fujisawa and Gunsan. Many discussions took place in relation to government procedures as well as economic and tourism opportunities. Further cultural and sport exchanges, in addition to youth and educational exchanges between our citizens were also very important topics of discussion as these continued reciprocal interactions will contribute to a better understanding between the people of our countries and will result in increased future cooperation.



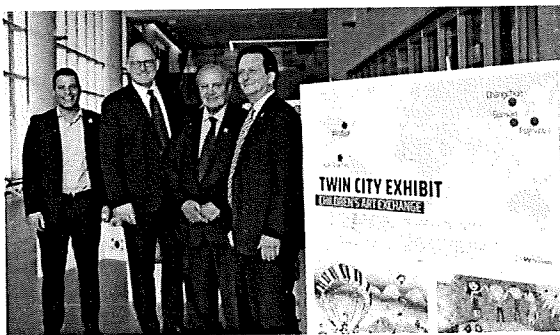
Fujisawa Japan: Misono Jogakuin High School Exchange Students

The International Relations Committee once again welcomed a group of students from Windsor's twin city of Fujisawa, Japan. The group from the Misono Jogakuin High School, which included 22 exchange students, 2 teachers and 2 escorts, were in Windsor from July 20th through August 1st, 2018. This program, hosted by Muskoka Language International allows the students to experience our culture all while learning the English language, visiting, and exploring many wonderful sights.

On Tuesday, July 24th, 2018, the International Relations Committee welcomed the students at City Hall. They were greeted in Council Chambers by Mayor Dilkens as well as several members of the International Relations Committee, and celebrated the 10-year anniversary of this exchange program with a wonderful cake that was provided in their honour. After taking several photos and selfies the girls explored the grounds at City Hall and took some pictures next to the tree that was planted by the very first Misono School group that visited in 2009.



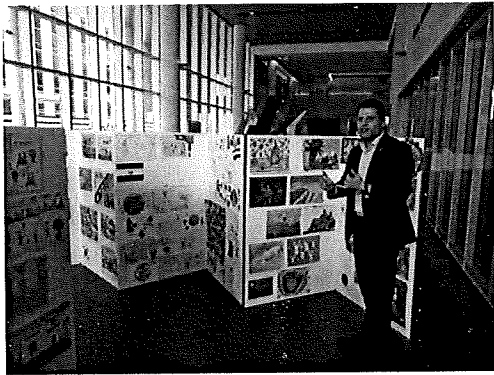
Children's Art Exchange - Windsor



The International Relations Committee held the City's second Children's Art Exchange from August 24th through September 4th, 2018. However, this year all twin cities were invited to participate. The exhibit included art from children between the ages of 6-12 years old and included art by Children from Windsor, Gunsan, Fujisawa, Changchun and Las Vuelas.

The art was displayed in the lobby of the new City Hall building with the assistance of Cathy Masterson, Manager of Cultural Affairs, and her wonderful staff.

These types of cultural exchanges serve to strengthen our twin city relationships.



Children's Art Exchange - Gunsan

From October 15th through October 21st, 2018 a Children's Art Exhibition was held in Gunsan, South Korea and along with some of Gunsan's twin cities, the City of Windsor sent art from local children to be displayed during the exhibit.



The International Relations Committee continues to play an active role in Windsor's multicultural landscape by attending and participating in several ethnic related activities and dinners throughout the year. In 2018 some members of the International Relations Committee attended the 2018 South Asian Indian Gala Dinner, which took place on May 18th, and the 23rd Annual Polish-Canadian Society Dinner on November 23rd, 2019.



THE POLISH-CANADIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF WINDSOR



INFORMATION



Professor **Józef Zając**
Senator, Republic of Poland
Keynote Speaker

We are planning the 24th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business
Dinner on Friday, November 22, 2019, at the Dom Polski Hall,
1275 Langlois Avenue, Windsor.



A picture from the 23rd Business Dinner in 2018.

For more information, please contact Jerry Barycki: e-mail jerrybarycki@gmail.com

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Polish Heritage Day in Windsor 2019

Celebrating 30 years of democracy in Poland

Friday, March 15, 2019

9:00-10:00 AM

University of Windsor, 401 Sunset Ave, Leddy Library 1st floor

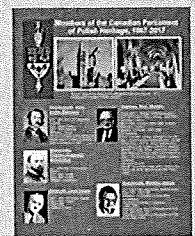
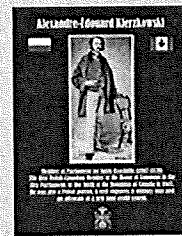
The University of Windsor's Leddy Library, in collaboration with the Polish-Canadian Students' Association of Windsor, is pleased to host **Polish Heritage Day in Windsor 2019**.

To celebrate, Leddy Library is hosting a week-long Commemorative Exhibition, showcasing a collection of nine Polish exhibits that reflect three important themes:

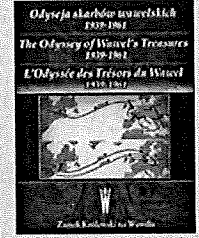
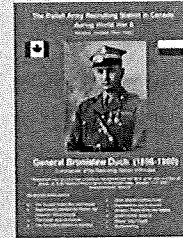
- Contribution of Poles to Canada
- Why Poles are grateful to Canada
- Contribution of Poles to the world

The exhibition will be on display at Leddy Library from Friday, March 15 - Friday, March 22.

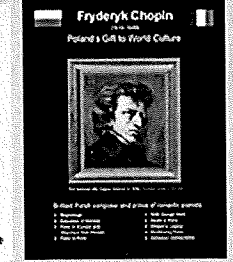
Contribution of Poles to Canada



Why Poles are Grateful to Canada



Contribution of Poles to the World



Please join us for the exhibition opening.

Friday March 15th from 9:00 - 10:00 am at Leddy Library.

The exhibition partners:



University of Windsor
Leddy Library



POLESE CANADIENNE BENEFIT AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINDSOR



Polish Canadian Students' Association of Windsor



POLISH CANADIAN BUSINESS AND
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Warsaw, January 6, 2019

Mr. Drew Dilkens
Mayor City of Windsor
350 City Hall Square West
Windsor, ON - N9A 6S1

mayoro@citywindsor.ca

Dear Mr. Dilkens,

I am sending you greetings from Poland and I wish you a healthy and successful New Year.

I am just finishing my 4-week visit to Poland with many successful meetings. Some were related to the Windsor-Essex-Canada Mission to Poland 2019, May 11-18.

I met with and received positive feedback from the following:

1. K. Zuk, the Mayor of Lubin (Finally, I presented him with a gift from Windsor, picture #1.);
2. Z. Wojciechowski, V-Marshal of Lublin Province (He was first person contacted re: the twinning of Lublin-Windsor.) and Marta Smulkowska, picture #2;
3. the President of the M. Sklodowska-Curie University, Prof. S. Michalowski, and the Chancellor of the University of Economics and Innovation, T. Bogacka, pictures #3 & #4; and
4. J. Banaszek, the President of Chelm, pictures #5; and
5. I am planning to meet with the Rector of the Catholic University of Lublin, Rev. Prof. A. Debinski, on January 8, 2019.

I will be back on January 10, 2019, and will be meeting with S. MacKenzie, who is coordinating the Windsor-Essex-Canada Mission to Poland 2019, to report on my discussions in Poland.

Respectfully,

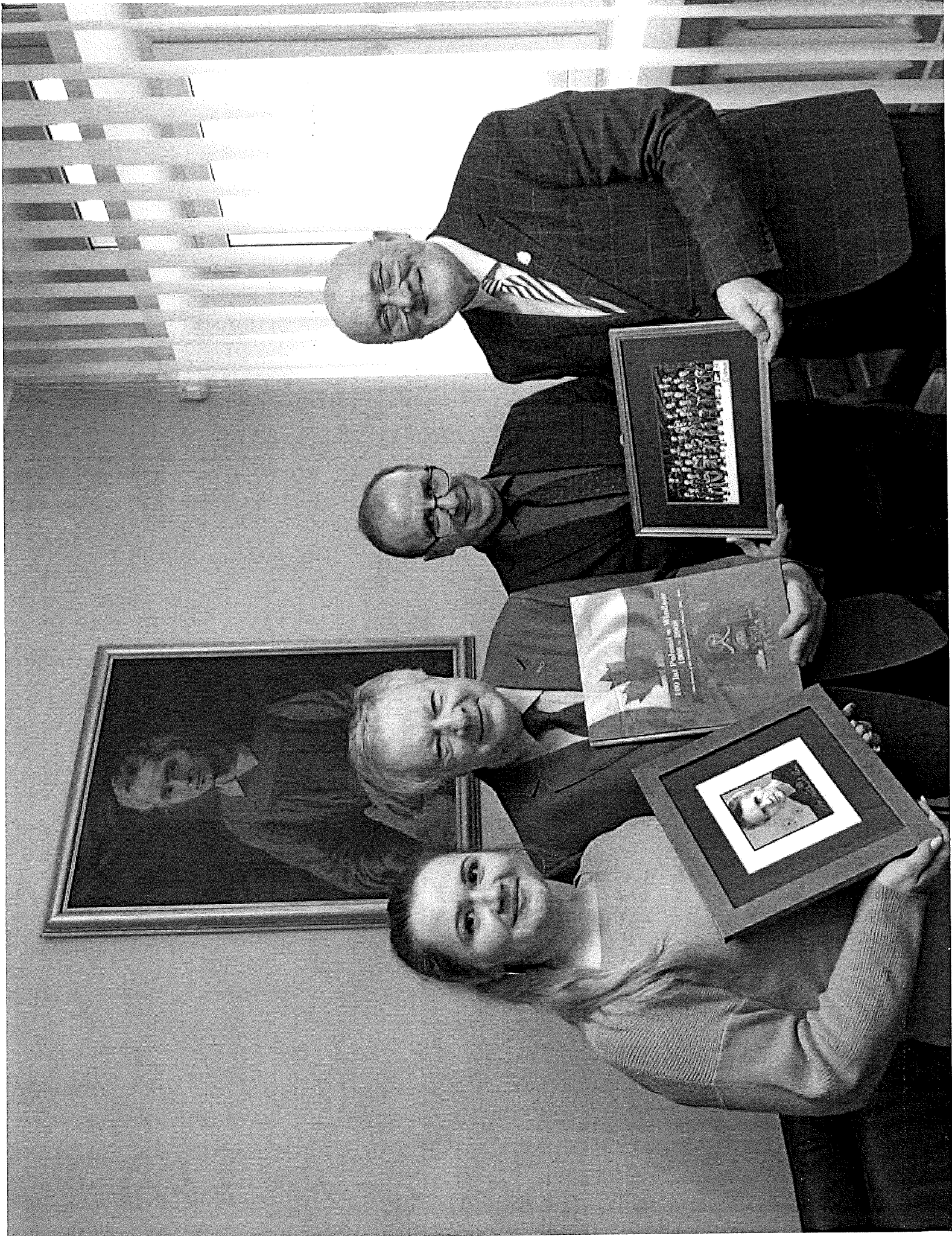
Jerry Barycki,
President

PS. A few pictures are enclosed

Cc. S. MacKenzie, F. Francis, S. Gebauer (Canada), W. Matchuk (Poland)













Kadour, Karen

From: Gebauer, Sandra
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 10:21 AM
To: Kadour, Karen
Subject: FW: Congratulatory Letter
Attachments: congratulatory letter.pdf; 贺信.pdf

Hi Karen,
For the next IRC meeting.

From: 长春市外办美大处 <ccwbmdc88776736@163.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 12:11 AM
To: Gebauer, Sandra <sgebauer@citywindsor.ca>
Subject: Congratulatory Letter

Hello Sandra,
We have already received your certificates, so beautiful, Thank you very much!
We have acknowledged that Mr Drew Dilkens has been re-elected as Mayor of Windsor, this is the Congratulatory Letter from Executive Vice Mayor Wang Lu of Changchun for Mayor Dilkens. There is no Mayor in Changchun now, Executive Vice Mayor Wang Lu is in charge of all the works.
I have attached two copies for your records.
Yours Faithfully,
Michelle

长 春 市 人 民 政 府

The Municipal People's Government of Changchun

Congratulatory letter

October 23, 2018 Changchun

Windsor City
The Commonwealth of Canada

Your Honored Mayor Drew Dilkens:


I have the great honor to be acknowledged that you have been successfully elected as the Mayor of Windsor. Please allow me, on behalf of Changchun Municipal Government and 7.6 million citizens of Changchun City and in my own name, to express my sincere congratulations to you.

Since Windsor and Changchun established sister-city relationship for 26 years, great achievements have been made on cooperation and exchanges in various fields. Especially this year, children of our city actively participated in "2018 International Children's Art Exhibition" held in Windsor. Through this activity, they showed the charm of Changchun to the outside, and let more friends outside know and feel Changchun. Your re-election reflects your outstanding contribution to Windsor over the years and the high recognition of the local people. I believe that through all-round cooperation and exchanges in various fields, the healthy, stable and in-depth development of the relations between the two cities in the new period will surely be promoted.

Now, I would like to extend sincere invitation to you for visiting Changchun at your convenience, so that we can renew our friendship and seek common development. I am willing to work with you to write a new chapter of friendship and cooperation between our two cities.

At last, I would like to congratulate you again. I wish you a good health, wish prosperity for Windsor and wish that the friendship between the people of Changchun and Windsor will last forever.

Sincerely yours,

Wang Lu 
Executive Vice Mayor of Changchun
People's Republic of China

Kadour, Karen

From: Gebauer, Sandra
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2018 12:07 PM
To: Kadour, Karen
Subject: FW: Congratulatory letter from Mayor Kang of Gunsan City
Attachments: Letter to Mayor Drew Dilkens.pdf; Letter to Councillor Fred Francis.pdf

Hi Karen,
For next IRC agenda.

From: serimpark@korea.kr <serimpark@korea.kr>
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2018 7:11 AM
To: Gebauer, Sandra <sgebauer@citywindsor.ca>
Subject: Congratulatory letter from Mayor Kang of Gunsan City

Dear Sandra,

Hello Sandra. I am most happy to send you the congratulatory letter of Mayor Kang to Mayor Drew Dilkens and Councillor Fred Francis.
Please kindly find the enclosures.
Original copy will be also sent.
Thank you.

Best regards,

Serim Park

Serim Park

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GUNSAN CITY
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Self-Reliant City
Together with the Citizens

(Translation)

The Honorable Drew Dilkins
Mayor of the City of Windsor
350 City Hall Square West P.O. Box 1607
Windsor, Ontario N9A 6S1 Canada

October, 2018

Dear Mayor:

The 300 thousands of citizens in Gunsan city and I sincerely congratulate your success on the reelection as the Mayor of Windsor. And, we also send our warm greetings to the citizens in Windsor.

Since Gunsan and Windsor has been keeping the relation of a sister city since 2005, the two cities have increased friendship and trust by carrying out exchanges in various fields, thereby establishing a close relation of friendship and cooperation.

I am sure you will make more developments in Windsor during the new term. And I hope we continue to further our relationship and cooperation for the purpose of the mutual developments of Gunsan and Windsor by continually increasing the exchanges and cooperation in various areas.

I wish you and the citizens of Windsor all the best for good health and prosperity.

Sincerely,

/sgd/

Kang Im June
Mayor of Gunsan



GUNSAN CITY
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Self-Reliant City
Together with the Citizens

(Translation)

July 30, 2018

The Honorable Drew Dilkens
Mayor of the City of Windsor
350 City Hall Square West P.O. Box 1607
Windsor, Ontario N9A 6S1 Canada

Dear Mayor:

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your kind congratulations on my inauguration as Mayor of Gunsan City.

Now, Gunsan City is gathering all the administrative capability to realize "A Self-Reliant City Together with the Citizens".

I will do my best to achieve remarkable growth of Gunsan City by strengthening the self-sustaining economy while putting primary value on the realization of economic revitalization and welfare promotion at the same time.

City of Windsor and Gunsan City have continued to promote international exchanges in various fields based on strong trust and friendship.

It is a great pleasure to be able to know shared understanding on the importance of international cooperation between both cities through your kind letter.

I look forward to further development of mutual cooperation through continuous exchanges based on the strong and friendly bond that both cities have built up so far.

With my sincere hope that I will have an opportunity to meet you in the near future, I wish you and your family all the best for success and happiness.

Sincerely,

/sgd/

KangIm June

Kadour, Karen

From: Gebauer, Sandra
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 12:25 PM
To: Kadour, Karen
Subject: FW: Chinese-Foreign University Presidents Forum and "Jilin International Studies University Unveiling Ceremony"—May 25th, 2019 at Jilin International Studies University, Changchun, China
Attachments: 2019中外大学校长论坛邀请函 (英) .doc; 吉林外国语大学简介-英文.docx

Hi Karen,
For IRC agenda

From: 长春市外办美大处 <ccwbmdc88776736@163.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 12:36 AM
To: Gebauer, Sandra <sgebauer@citywindsor.ca>
Subject: Chinese-Foreign University Presidents Forum and "Jilin International Studies University Unveiling Ceremony"—May 25th, 2019 at Jilin International Studies University, Changchun, China

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Hello
Sandra,

How are you? I'm writing to you concerning our invitation to "Chinese-Foreign University Presidents Forum" and "Jilin International Studies University Unveiling Ceremony" held on May 25th at Jilin International Studies University, Changchun, China. We would like to extend our sincere invitation to you and your delegation to attend the ceremony and visit Changchun at your convenience.

For details, please refer to the attached files, if anything unclear, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Michelle



Invitation Letter

Dear sir / madam,

I am honored to invite you to attend “2019 Chinese-Foreign University Presidents Forum and ‘Jilin International Studies University’ Unveiling Ceremony” on May 25th, 2019 at Jilin International Studies University (JISU), Changchun, China. In support of “the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road” (B&R) and higher education internationalization, the forum is themed as “Universities’ Responsibility in the B&R Construction.”

Since its founding in 1995, JISU is committed to make itself a top private foreign language university with non-profit, international, and application-oriented characteristics. After a 24-year development, JISU has become a key provincial university with beautiful campus, appropriate size, and distinctive features. As the first private university to confer master degrees in P. R. China, the university has become a reputable epitome of the reform and development of non-governmental higher education in China and a flagship among Chinese private universities.

During the past 24 years, JISU has been receiving support from your university and all walks of life domestically and overseas. I wish to extend, on behalf of the faculty and students, my heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to you.

We are looking forward to your visit!

Sincerely,

QIN He

President of JISU



Itinerary

Time: May 24th to May 26th (Beijing Time)

Place: Jilin International Studies University, Changchun City, Jilin Province,
P. R. China

Theme: Universities' Responsibility in *Belt & Road* Construction

Attendees: Chinese and Foreign University Presidents

Government Officials

Cultural Officials from Embassies and Consulates to China

Overall Schedule:

May 24 th	Arrival and Check-in
May 25 th	Morning: “Jilin International Studies University” Unveiling Ceremony
	Afternoon: 2019 Chinese-Foreign University Presidents' Forum
May 26 th	Check-out and Departure

Arrangements On May 25th:

1. “Jilin International Studies University” Unveiling Ceremony

Time: Morning of May 25th

Place: School Stadium

2. 2019 Chinese-Foreign University Presidents Forum



Time: Afternoon of May 25th

Place:

Conference Room at the International Exchange Center (the 1st Floor)
(With Simultaneous Interpretation in Chinese, English, Russian, Japanese, Korean)

Agenda:

- 13:30 Introduction of Honorable Guests
- 13:40 Speech from a Government Official
- 13:50 Speech from an Embassy Official
- 14:00 Speech from a Chinese University President
- 14:05 Speech from a Foreign University President
- 14:10 Welcome and Keynote Speech from President QIN He
- 14:30 Tea Break
- 14:50 Speeches from the Chinese and Foreign University presidents
- 16:20 Forum Ends with Group Photos Taking
- 16:30 Intercollegiate Talks, Signature Ceremony, Campus Tour
- 19:00 Welcome Banquet



Receipt

Institution				
Mailing Address				
Name	Gender	Occupation	Telephone	Email Address
Arrival	Flight No.:		Time:	
Departure	Flight No.:		Time:	
Special Requirements				
☆Fees	Jilin International Studies University covers the food, accommodation and local transportation in Changchun of your delegation (3 or less members) for three days (accommodation for two nights)			
Attention	Please fill in the blanks and Fax or E-mail the receipt to us no later than April 15 st , 2019. We will contact you to confirm your specific itinerary before April 30 th , 2019.			

Address: International Exchanges and Cooperation Office
Jilin International Studies University
3658 Jingyue Street, Changchun City, China Postal Code: 130117

Contact: ZHANG Yumei (English) ZHOU Yao (English)
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About Jilin International Studies University

Jilin International Studies University (JISU), founded in 1995, is a key university in Jilin Province. The University was approved by the Ministry of Education as a private teaching organization to offer four-year undergraduate programs in 2003 and obtained the authorization to confer bachelor's degrees and began to run joint master's degree programs in 2005. In 2007 the University became the first and only private university in China at the provincial key university level. In 2010 it became the only university for a pilot study on the national reform of education system "Exploring Non-profit Private Education in China". In 2011, approved by the Academic Degree Committee of the State Council, the University was among the first batch of private colleges and universities to offer graduate professional degree programs. In 2013, the University became the MOE Chairman University for Non-profit Private University Alliance. In 2015, it became the first Chinese private university to set up Confucius Institute in the United States. In 2016, it was the only private university in China selected as the "National Basic Capacity Building Project for Universities in Central and Western China" and in 2017 became the only private university in China as a qualified teaching institution to offer programs to overseas students on "the Chinese Government Scholarship". Now JISU has become an outstanding teaching institution focused on nurturing students' successes in foreign languages and foreign affairs.

JISU is located close to the most beautiful tourist attraction of Changchun City, the Jingyuetan Lake. The University covers an area of 703,000 square meters and a building area of 310,000 square meters. The surrounding mountains integrate with an on-campus river and the modern Chinese architecture features with stylish Western tradition, highlighting the unity of the environment and the humanities and forming a well-established "garden-style" campus.

JISU currently houses 10211 students, among whom 9903 are full-time undergraduates, 280 postgraduates, 28 from overseas. There are 738 staff members, including 45 foreign teachers from the United States, Canada, Britain, Australia, France, Japan, Germany, Spain, Korea, Russia, Italy, Portugal, Egypt, etc.

JISU boasts 13 teaching units, namely School of Translation and Interpreting, School of English, School of Western Languages, School of Oriental Languages, School of International Economics and Trade, School of International Business Administration, School of Chinese Language and Literature, School of Education, School of International Exchanges, School of General Education, School of ESP English, School of Marxism, and School of Central-Eastern European Languages, offering classes in 13 foreign languages (i.e. English, Japanese, German, French, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Arabic, Mongolian, Indonesian, and Persian). There are 6 authorized units to confer master degrees on Pedagogy, Translation, Education, Chinese International Education, International Business, Accounting, and 2 China-Foreign Cooperative Education Programs. There are 34 undergraduate majors of five disciplinary areas, Chinese, Economics, Management, Education and Art. The University has followed four cross-disciplinary training

models: "Language Major", "Major+ language", "Bilingual Languages " and "Language Minor+ Language Major + Major". The University has national-level programs, an experimental unit for national reform, a National Practical Teaching Demo-center, a National University Students' Off-campus Practice Base and has won a National Teaching Achievement Award. The school boasts six Jilin Province brand majors, accounting for one-third of the total number of all majors, and 2 provincial-level key disciplines. We have 5 research platforms, including Collaborative Innovation Center, Think Tank of Institutions of Higher Education, Provincial Humanities and Social Sciences Research Base , 4 Provincial Talent Training Model Innovation Experimental Areas, 3 provincial experimental teaching demonstration centers, 11 provincial outstanding teaching teams, 6 provincial famous teachers, 19 provincial top-quality courses, and 31 excellent courses at the provincial level.

The University actively promotes internationalization, and has been cooperating with 120 universities and educational institutions in 20 countries and regions. The University has obtained admission qualifications to enroll international students on the Chinese Government Scholarship, Jilin Province Government Foreign Student Scholarship, and Confucius Institute Scholarship. In 2015, JISU and the New Jersey City University launched a joint education program through the Confucius Institute. The University also cooperates with the University of Applied Languages in Munich, Germany to implement joint education in German. Each year, more than 600 students are sent abroad for long-term and short-term language and cultural study and exchanges, and participate in the undergraduate dual-degree and postgraduate programs. In certain majors, the proportion of students studying abroad reaches 100%. At present, the University receives about 300 international students each year.

The University is equipped with excellent teaching facilities and has a large-scale comprehensive language practice teaching base, the Global Village. In 2013, the Global Village was designated by the MOE as a national experimental Teaching demo-center and by UNESCO as the World Multicultural Education Center. The University boasts simultaneous interpretation conference halls, digital voice labs, digital recording rooms, a professional simulation laboratory, an automation laboratory, computer labs, multimedia classrooms, university students' entrepreneurship parks, multi-functional lecture halls and well-facilitated sports grounds, gymnasium, indoor swimming pool and other educational and sports facilities. The University library owns 850,000 paper books, 540,000 electronic books, 338 Chinese paper periodicals, 31 foreign periodicals and over 6331 electronic periodicals.

Ever since it was founded, the University has been pursuing non-profit school-running mode for public benefit. It is the first private university in China to firmly put forward the idea of running a school for public welfare without personal reward. It is also the first and only private university to undergo property notarization.

JISU has been adhering to the university mission "all is for students to be integrated, talented and successful, making JISU a bridge between Chinese and Western cultures and a bridge for Chinese students to go to the world", and striving to

provide students with the most reliable, responsible and quality education. Under the guidance of the conception that education should live up to parents' trust, students' time, social attention and educators' conscience, JISU insists on meeting market needs with a focus on feature- and brand-building, training students' practical capabilities and strengthening management to keep high quality school-running.

Directed by "character building-oriented education with moral education as its priority", has constructed a "Six in One" working mechanism through close cooperation of Ideological Education Department, Political Education Department and Students' Affairs Department. Through this mechanism, we have realized cross-posts in management, joint meetings, and integration and penetration of work. With its emphasis on students' mental health education, JISU has formed a sound mental health education system through the establishment of students' psychological archives and a three-level management network at university, department and dormitory levels. It also emphasizes the combination of moral, mental and physical education, aiming to promote students' physical and mental health through the development of psychological outward bound training.

JISU emphasizes the integration of knowledge, ability and personality. Aiming at cultivating students' comprehensive qualities, it has formulated and implemented Talent Training Plans for Undergraduate Education Programs, which sets the knowledge, ability and quality objectives throughout the four years. Besides courses for professional training, public compulsory courses have been added to the curriculum including mental health lectures, an introduction to management, and courses on etiquette and public relations etc. In public elective courses, the number and types of humanistic quality courses have been increased, and courses on Chinese culture have been added to cultivate students' patriotism. Moreover, employment education, formative education, moral education, quality education, practical and innovative ability training and mental health education have also been set up.

The University gives full play to the role of the extra-curriculum activities. There are 209 Professional Associations at present and 70 Social Associations at the university level. The University cultivates the students' mental health and personalizes development by organizing students association activities, social practice, various competitions, sports activities, lectures, the International Arts and Culture Festival, youth volunteer activities, activities of "going to the countryside", visiting patriotism education bases, and charity activities.

The University attaches importance to the role of social practice activities in cultivating college students' whole personality, broadening the scope of knowledge, and enhancing students' comprehensive ability. Through formulating and implementing the Practice Teaching Guidance and Extra-curriculum Activity Guidance and the Implementation Rules of the Practices, the social practice of college students has been highly integrated into the education and teaching plan.

The University carries out a comprehensive management mode and advocates the building of an enabling environment for students. The school motto is "vision, pragmatism, aspiration". The teachers' motto is "to be dedicated to education and teach with care and love, profound knowledge and effective instructions". And the

students' motto is "to seek truth and new ideas with self-discipline and self-improvement". We constantly carry out and improve systemic management and services in school running. The school has been committed to creating a harmonious cultural environment that inspires students to be simple and practical, and teaches students that grand accomplishments come from each minute detail.

The University continuously strengthens quality education, so that the students' professional ability and comprehensive quality have been significantly improved. In the past three years, our students have participated in various professional competitions, and won a total of 118 national awards, and 307 provincial and municipal-level awards. Courtesy and good manners of respecting teachers and loving students have been well established on campus. A large number of advanced teams and outstanding individuals have emerged, such as "Provincial Outstanding Class", Provincial and Municipal-level Civilized College Students". Students have become more clear-eyed in their life and study goals and an inspiring academic atmosphere has been fostered. They aspire to be proficient foreign language speakers and responsible Chinese citizens.

So far, nearly 20000 students have graduated from JISU. With good proficiency in foreign languages, familiar with management and professional knowledge, as well as equipped with other skills, such as computer literacy and good manners, the graduates are warmly welcomed by employers. The employment rate has been rising year after year. In 2014 the University was selected as an Excellent Unit for Employment of the Province.

The University has received loving care and praise from leaders at all levels. The former vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Peng Peiyun, Gu Xiulian, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Democratic Progressive Party Yan Junqi, Vice-Chairman Zhu Yongxin, Minister of Education Chen Baosheng, Secretary of Provincial Party Committee of Jilin Province Bayin Chaolu, former Secretary of Jilin Province Wang Rulin and other state and provincial leaders have successively visited JISU on their inspection tours. The MOE Committee of the Undergraduate Program Accreditation said that "JISU is a high-level private university that has been sticking to its principles with great perseverance. It is undoubtedly the banner of the national private universities." The MOE Committee of the Undergraduate Teaching Audit and Accreditation commented "JISU is a high-level private university with passion, responsibility, contribution, distinctive features and a promising future. It is undoubtedly the banner of the national private universities."

The achievements of the University have been praised and affirmed by people from all walks of life. It has been awarded many honorary titles, such as "the First Top 20 Strong Private Universities in China", "the Top 10 Credit Private Universities in China", "the Top 20 High Quality Private Universities in China", "the Top 50 High-Employment-Rate Universities in China".

In the 2015 ranking of China's private universities by Alumni Association Website, JISU ranked the first among private universities of foreign languages, and ranked among the first-class private universities in China. It was also rated as a private university of foreign languages with the highest level and the strongest

comprehensive strength in mainland China. At present, the University is striving to implement a development strategy in expanding features, ensuring quality and widening internationalization in order to build the University into a multi-lingual, multi-disciplinary, and multi-level first-class non-profit private university, focused on foreign languages teaching and coordinated by other disciplines, such as Chinese language and literature, economics, management, education and art and finally into a prominent university of foreign languages that boasts several educational concentrations in China and shares certain international fames in democratization, legalization and internationalization.

We are convinced that under the inspiration of the pioneering and innovative Huaqiao spirit of pursuing vision, pragmatism and aspiration, we will be able to realize the dream of building JISU into a century famous university and make contributions to the development of private colleges and universities in China.



THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA
MAYOR

January 2019

Mayor Liu Xin
c/o Haiyang (Michelle) Yu
Floor 10, Building A
Second Office Area of Changchun Municipal Government
No. 3066 Third Ring Road South (Nansanhuancheng Road)
Changchun, Jilin, P. R. China | 130011

Dear Mayor Xin:

On behalf of the City of Windsor, I extend heartfelt congratulations to you on your election as Mayor of Changchun City.

I understand that you attach great importance to Changchun's foreign exchange work. We have enjoyed a deep friendship and strong Sister City relationship with Changchun since 1992. Various exchanges between Changchun and Windsor have strengthened and benefited our friendship over the years. There have been efforts to develop more culture and business projects with Changchun, especially in regards to shared interests in the automotive industry and in agriculture.

There have been multiple delegation visits to Windsor and joint initiatives in partnership with our local economic development corporation. In addition, in the past, Windsor delegates have been invited to attend race marathons, an International Agricultural Expo, and the Mayors' Forum, Entrepreneurs Summit and Sister Cities & Cooperative Cities Development and Cultural Expo conference in Changchun.

These exchanges, these celebrations of the relationship between our two communities are very important to us. With many Chinese residents and organizations in Windsor, we always welcome the opportunity to share new, important cultural experiences and exchanges with you. I know that under your leadership, we will continue to grow the strong bond between Changchun and Windsor. I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the City of Windsor at some point in the future.

Thank you for your partnership. Thank you for your friendship.

Sincerely,

Drew Dilkens

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THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA
MAYOR

November 7, 2018

Hon. Krzysztof Zuk
President of the City of Lublin
Pl. Wladyslawa Lokietka 1
20-950 Lublin, POLAND

**"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more,
you are a leader." – John Quincy Adams, Former US President**

Dear President Zuk:

On behalf of the City of Windsor, I extend heartfelt congratulations to you on your re-election as President of Lublin.

Windsor's Polish community has played an active role in the development of our city. In 2013, the Polish community celebrated the 105-year anniversary of the Polish Community in Windsor.

I have spoken and written to you in the past about how proud I am of the connection our cities share. Windsor has enjoyed a deep friendship and strong Sister City relationship with Lublin since 2000. This relationship aids in the exchange of ideas and delegations to build a progressive and prosperous future for both of our cities. The strong bond between our communities has been demonstrated through reciprocated visits of official delegations; event collaborations; special gift exchanges; and memorable anniversary celebrations. The University of Windsor, one of our pillar educational institutions, has furthered exchange initiatives by signing a Memoranda of Agreements with the Lublin-based universities of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University and John Paul II Catholic University. Our bond is one of mutual respect and friendship, and it means a great deal to us here in Windsor.

I have had the pleasure of visiting your beautiful city to experience your warm hospitality in the past, and have sent greetings your way through Jerry Barycki, a wonderful ambassador for our city. Windsor's relationship with Lublin is one of our most active Sister City bonds, due in large part to Jerry's commitment and passionate support.

In electing you again, the people of Lublin have acknowledged that you are a leader who inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more. This past October, I, too, was re-elected as Mayor of the City of Windsor. Like you, I felt that I had important work still to do to move Windsor forward. I understand what you must be feeling at this time, and wish you all the best as you move toward your own vision of a better future in Lublin. I wish you and all of the residents of Lublin well, and look forward to many more years of friendship between our cities.

Sincerely,

Drew Dilkens

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Mr. Drew Dilkens
Mayor of Windsor

Subject: Invitation

Dear Mr. Dilkens

The Day of our town "St. Clement of Ohrid" is traditionally celebrated on December 8, every year. On this occasion, it is our great honor to invite three members delegation from your city to be our guests from 6th to 9th December 2018. I sincere hope that you'll be the head of your delegation and we will have the opportunity to meet each other and discuss about our future cooperation.

The cost of your stay in Ohrid will be covered by the municipality of Ohrid.

We'll appreciate if you confirm your visit to Ohrid and inform us about the names of the members of your delegation and arrival/departure details as soon as possible but no later than November 26 ,2018.

All details regarding program of your visit will be sent to you additionally.

Looking forward seeing you soon,

Sincerely,

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Jovan Stojanoski
Mayor,
Municipality of Ohrid



GUNSAN CITY
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Self-Reliant City
Together with the Citizens

(Translation)

October, 2018

The Honorable Fred Francis
Councillor of the City of Windsor
350 City Hall Square West, Suite 220
Windsor, Ontario N9A 6S1 Canada

Dear Mr. Francis:

The 300 thousands of citizens in Gunsan City and I sincerely congratulate your success on the reelection as a member of the Windsor City Council. And, we also send our warm greetings to the citizens in Windsor.

Since Gunsan and Windsor has been keeping the relation of a sister city since 2005, the two cities have increased friendship and trust by carrying out exchanges in various fields, thereby establishing a close relation of friendship and cooperation.

I hope we continue to further our relationship and cooperation for the purpose of the mutual developments of Gunsan and Windsor by continually increasing the exchanges and cooperation in various areas.

I wish you all the best for good health and success.

Sincerely,

/sgd/

Kang Im June
Mayor of Gunsan

Kadour, Karen

From: Gebauer, Sandra
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2018 3:06 PM
To: Kadour, Karen
Subject: FW: Hello

For the next IRC Agenda

From: serimpark@korea.kr <serimpark@korea.kr>
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 3:28 AM
To: Gebauer, Sandra <sgebauer@citywindsor.ca>
Subject: Hello

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Sandra,

All is well with you, I hope. I can't believe we are already at the end of the year!
For preparing a plan for the next year, I would like to ask when Windsor would hold the children's art exhibition.
As this project has various participating cities, we learned it is most important to have a proper timeline between the cities.

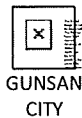
Also, I wonder if you received the drawings that we sent back.

Warm regards,
Serim

Serim Park

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CANADA-POLAND – Strategic Partners of the Twenty-First Century


The XXIII Annual Polish-Canadian Business Dinner in Windsor , 23.11.2018

Last year, Canada celebrated her 150th anniversary. It was a major event for Canadians of Polish heritage, living in their new homeland, Canada. This year, on November 11, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining independence after 123 years of servitude. Poles later had to fight for nearly half a century more to gain real freedom and democracy. This resulted in success in 1989, among other things thanks to the greatest freedom movement in Europe, "Solidarity". Poland has a very rich history, with Polish roots dating back to Eurasian people, who settled along the Wisła and Bug rivers about 3,000 years ago. The Polish monarchy, in existence since the Polish Baptism of 966, played an essential role in Europe for several centuries, up to the times of the partitions of Poland by our neighbours in the years 1772-1795. Modern Canada has historical connections to Poland and Polonia. An example of this is the authorization and training during World War I of over 22,000 soldiers from the U.S.A. and Canada at the Polish Army Camp "Kościuszko", at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Likewise, although on a much smaller scale, during World War II, there was recruitment into the Polish Army at Windsor and training at Owen Sound. Poles and Polonia have good reason to be grateful to Canada. Today, Poland is a free, democratic and economically well-developed nation. She is often called "the Green Island" of Europe because of her economic successes. She is an attractive, global partner. For her part, Canada had the greatest economic growth among the G7 nations in 2017 and is an attractive business partner. Canada has signed an agreement with the EU (CETA). These facts open the doors to unlimited possibilities for expanding a strategic partnership of the XXI century between Canada and Poland.

THE POLISH-CANADIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINDSOR

PROGRAMME

The 23rd Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner
6:30 p.m., Friday, November 23, 2018
Don Peckis Hall, 1275 Langtons Avenue, Windsor



Dr. Andrzej Kurnicki
Ambassador of Poland to Canada
Keynote Speaker

Windsor-Lublin, Twin Cities since 2003

This year we are celebrating Poland's 100th Anniversary of Regaining Independence and the 51st Anniversary of the Polish Community in Windsor.

PROGRAMME

6:30 p.m. Welcome
Jerzy Barycki, President, Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor

Greetings
Tracey Ramsey, M.P., Essex
Percy Hatfield, M.P.P., Windsor-Tecumseh
Drew Dilkens, Mayor, the City of Windsor
Barbara Lemecha, Executive Vice President, the Polish American Congress, Michigan Division, USA

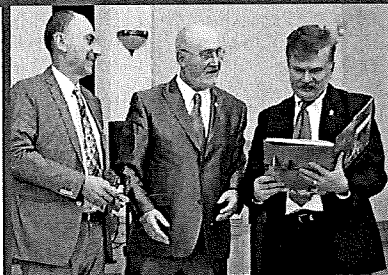
7:00 p.m. Dinner

8:15 p.m. Keynote Speaker
H.E. Andrzej Kurnicki,
Ambassador of Poland to Canada

8:28 p.m. Guest Speakers
Natalia Kusznicka, M.P.P., Mississauga-Centre
Stephen MacKenzie, CEO, Windsor-Essex Economic Development Corporation
Michało Gajewski, Past President of the Polish-Canadian Students' Association of Windsor

9:45 p.m. Awards and Recognition

10:00 p.m. Performances, Closing Remarks and Group Picture
"Tęty" Song and Dance Ensemble performance
Ośrodek (7-31) and Szewski (6-07)



From left: Zbigniew Pona, Jerzy Barycki, Dr. Andrzej Kurnicki

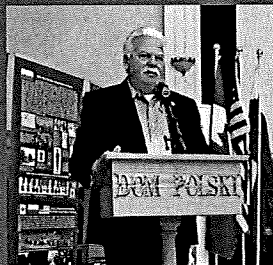


Julia Zalewska, MC

Our guests extended their greetings



Nadine Abiraad, Community Outreach Assistant, representing Tracey Ramsey, MP Essex



Percy Hatfield, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh



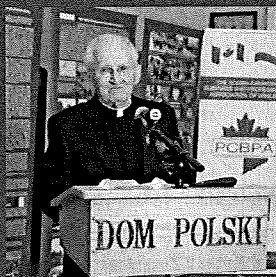
Fred Francis, Councillor, COW, representing Mayor Drew Dilkens



Barbara Lemecha, PAC Michigan



Karen Majewski, Mayor, Hamtramck



Rev. Canon Mieczysław Kamiński, offered a prayer



Zbigniew Pona raised a toast



Youth with VIPs

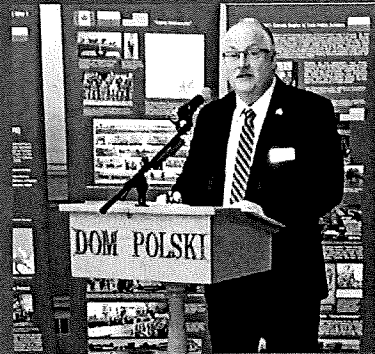
This was the theme presented by speakers at the XXIII Annual Polish-Canadian Business Dinner in Windsor on November 23, 2018, in the Dom Polski Club with the participation of close to one hundred guests. Jerzy Barycki, co-founder and President of the Association since 1995, gave the opening address. He emphasized the initiatives of the Association in creating the collection of the nine displays Canada 150 – Poland 100, the possibility of a mission to Poland in 2019 and unwavering support for Polonia youth. He introduced a third-year student at the University of Windsor, Julia Zalewska, who with ease and grace took charge of the proceedings. The Keynote Speaker was H.E. the Polish Ambassador, Dr. Andrzej Kurnicki. In a most accessible manner, he presented a report on the good economic realities of Poland as an attractive investment partner. It was an interesting presentation with illustrations that helped the audience to follow and understand the subject.



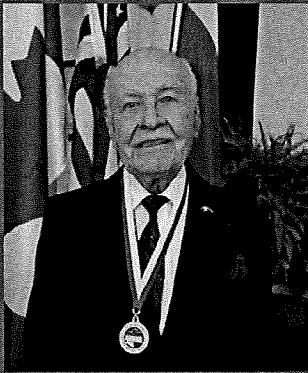
Presentation by Ambassador of Poland,
Dr. A. Kurnicki



Steve MacKenzie, CEO, Windsor Essex Economic Development Corporation, in his presentation promoted Canada and our local Windsor-Essex region. He mentioned that there are plans for an economic mission to Poland in May 2019. The delegation will be made up of representatives of educational institutions, such as the University of Windsor and St. Clair College, business people, representatives of the Windsor Essex Economic Development Corporation, as well as a Polonia lobby, represented by the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor. Natalia Kusendova, the recently elected MPP for the riding Mississauga-Centre, spoke of her "birthday wish" for her thirtieth birthday: next year's business mission from Ontario to Poland. In a certain sense, Natalia is our "Windsor child"; she has participated in our business dinners since 2011 and she says that she regards Windsor as her home. Natalia is one of the best-known Polonia youth leaders in Canada. She was a participant in and co-organizer of the Quo Vadis conferences for young leaders since 2010. The next conference, Quo Vadis X, will take place in Toronto in September 2019. She was an active member of the Head Council of the Canadian Polish Congress for two terms. She participated in the IV Conference of the World Polonia in Poland in 2012, where she effectively reported on the organization of the I Conference of Polonia Youth of the World. Natalia has great potential; she is an example for others and our great hope for the future of Canada and Polonia. The final speaker was Michelle Gajewski, Past President of the Polish-Canadian Students' Association of Windsor, which is celebrating its tenth anniversary. She enriched her presentation with a film about the PCSAW and Polish memorabilia in Windsor. There were greetings from individuals representing federal, provincial and city politicians as well as a representative of the Polish American Congress in Michigan and our good neighbours from Detroit, Michigan. They all emphasized the service that our Association brings to the life of Polonia in Windsor, Ontario and Canada.



Guest speakers , from left: Natalia Kusendova with greetings from Premier D. Ford, Stephen Mackenzie and Michelle Gajewski



Józef Palimaka awarded the Gold Medal of Polonia Windsor

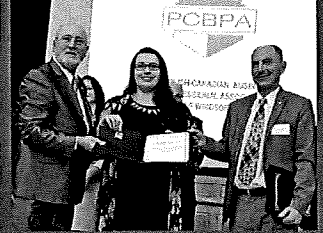


Awarded Hon. PCBPAW Memberships, Natalia Kusendova and Frank Simpson



CPC Diploma to Julia Zalewska, President, PCSAW

Honorary Bronze Pins of the CPC, from left: Ania Barycka, Stanislaw Bęben and Michelle Gajewski



Award Winners and Guest Speakers with VIPs

The exhibition about the Polish Army Camp "Kościuszko" at Niagara-on-the-Lake in Canada during World War I provided a connection to the 100th anniversary of the rebirth of Poland. From it more than 22,000 soldiers recruited from the U.S.A. and Canada were transported to France, where they became a part of the 100,000-strong "Haller's Blue Army". It fought at the side of the Allies and after the war was assigned to the defence of Poland's eastern border and was triumphant in the "Battle of Warszawa" in 1920. It became known among the Allies as a confederated army and this fact was a fundamental advantage in the creation of the nation of Poland in 1918. It is noteworthy that one of the recruits at Camp "Kościuszko" was Franciszek Poleski, of Chicago. He followed the trail of war of "Haller's Blue Army" and then returned to America, before settling in Windsor. His son, Tadeusz Polewski, founded the company "Eagle Press and Equipment". He was a well-known action-taker in Polonia and among other things co-founded the housing development "Polonia Park", offering the citizens of Windsor 342 apartments and condominiums. His sons, Mark and Ted, to this day run the company and have strong ties to the life of the Polonia community in Windsor. The presentation of them to the participants at the dinner was an emotional link between the past and the present that was rewarded with a strong round of applause. Acknowledgements and awards were the next part of the evening's activities. Honorary Member of our organization, Józef Palimaka, a mechanic with the famous Squadron 303 of the Royal Air Force during World War II, was awarded the Centennial Gold Medal of the Windsor Polonia. Prof. Frank Simpson and Natalia Kusendova each received Honorary Membership of our Association. Ania Barycka, Michelle Gajewski and Stanislaw Bęben received Honorary Bronze Awards of the Canadian Polish Congress for their community work over many years. According to tradition, thanks were given to our sponsors; like our speakers and honoured guests, they received on pen drives an electronic collection of the Canada 150 – Poland 100 displays, all nine exhibitions, each of them in three languages, namely Polish, English and French. Special thanks were directed to our sponsor for many years, the Polonia Centre (Windsor), Inc. At the end, the Song and Dance Ensemble "Tatry" in beautiful costumes performed with great energy two folk dances, the "Sieradz" and "Góralski" ("Mountaineers") dances. Each year, the beautifully dancing and joyful young people invoke a great deal of emotion and a storm of applause. Bravo, "Tatry"!



Song and Dance Ensemble "Tatry"





Our Sponsors

This was the most recent, very interesting gathering of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor. It is appropriate to emphasize the significant contribution of our Association to Canada, Polonia and Poland. Our exhibitions have been shown in many Canadian cities and on several occasions in the Federal and Provincial Parliaments; several of them have been shown in Poland. They awaken enduring interest. In October of this year, President Barycki presented the entire collection of displays at the V Conference of the World Polonia in Warszawa, in the Hall of the Senate of the Republic of Poland, at the Culture Forum in a lecture, titled "Promotion of the cultural heritage of Poland and Polonia in countries of settlement, using the example of the exhibition "Polonia for Canada on her 150th anniversary". On this occasion, participants in the conference from more than forty countries were given pen drives with the collection of displays. As we are emphasizing many times over, all the displays to greater or lesser extents are linked with the 100th anniversary of "Our Independent [Poland]".



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Many thanks to our supporters and sponsors for their generosity and to Dom Polaki for hosting our event.

Summing up, one can say that our small organization from a relatively small Canadian city is able to make a significant contribution to the life of Polonia, Canada and Poland. Our guests emphasized our already 18-years-old, active collaboration of the twin cities Windsor-Lublin and the planned Windsor-Essex-Canada business mission to Poland in 2019. We hear from representatives of Polonia and from other Canadians that our exhibitions are a very interesting source of information and that in particular they present lesser known facts and emphasize the connections between our nations. It is a historical fact that Canada always gave support to Poland's aspirations for freedom and nowadays in times of peace is interested in greater cooperation in commerce, learning and culture. A strategic business partnership of Canada and Poland in the XXI century has doors wide open for limitless possibilities of cooperation – this is a good option for the future.

Ewa Barycka

Windsor, 26.11.2018

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October 24 , 2018

The Honourable Drew Dilkens
Mayor of Windsor
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Dear Mayor Dilkens,

Greetings from the City of Fujisawa! I hope this letter finds you well.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and the deepest respect for the efforts that you have been making to promote the friendship between Fujisawa and Windsor.

"The 9th Shonan Fujisawa Citizen Marathon 2019" will be held in Fujisawa next January. The starting and finish line of the marathon locates in an island called Enoshima that is scheduled to be the sailing competition venue for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Besides the oncoming Olympic Games, Sailing World Cup was held here in this past September. Enthusiasm for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games is increasing among citizens in Fujisawa.

For this reason, we would like many people both inside and outside of the country to know attractive features of Fujisawa. Therefore, we are pleased to invite a delegation from your city to deepen the friendly exchange through this marathon event.

"The 8th Shonan Fujisawa Citizen Marathon 2018" held this January ended in success due to generosity of your City for providing special prizes. We will be looking forward to welcoming the delegation from your City for "The 9th Shonan Fujisawa Citizen Marathon 2019".

- Invitation period (planned schedule): January 25th to 28th, 2019 (4 days)
- Date of the Citizen Marathon: January 27th, 2019
- Number of Invited Delegation Members: 5 (A Head of Delegation, 2 Runners, A Coordinator, An Interpreter)
- Overview of the Marathon:
Race course: Runners will start from Enoshima and run on Route 134; which stretches along the shore, and then head back to Enoshima to finish.
Distance: 10 mile (16.2 km)

*The City of Fujisawa will cover the cost such as hotel charge and meals of delegation members while they are in Fujisawa during invitation period.

Sincerely,

鈴木恒夫

Tsuneo Suzuki
Mayor of Fujisawa

October 30 , 2018

The Honourable Drew Dilkens
Mayor of Windsor
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Dear Mayor Dilkens

On behalf of 430,000 citizens of Fujisawa, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on being reelected as Mayor of Windsor!

Windsor and Fujisawa have been keeping wonderful relationship since the conclusion of their twin city agreement in 1987. I am particularly glad that you, who have contributed tremendously on twin city exchange between two cities, continue to take administration and management of Windsor.

I remember that we met again and shared memorable moments together as I visited Windsor in June last year and you visited Fujisawa in February this year for commemorating the 30th anniversary of twin city affiliation.

I wish people in Windsor and citizens of Fujisawa will have various exchanges more actively and bonds of two cities further grown with the growth of three cherry blossom trees that we donated to Windsor under your strong leadership.

I extend best wishes for further prosperity of Windsor and your continued success.

Truly yours,

Tsuneo Suzuki
Mayor of Fujisawa

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Review of the year's events

Dear Mrs. Gebauer,

another year is heading to an end and I would like to use the opportunity of the turn of the year 2018/2019 to provide a little insight into the activities of Mannheim regarding the international and European affairs of the city of Mannheim.

One of our highlights in 2019 has been the inauguration of a direct freight railway link from Mannheim to China, by which the "new silk road" of China reaches officially to Mannheim. Our Lord Mayor, Dr. Kurz, and the Vice-Mayor of the Chinese Metropole Chongqing, Mr. WU Cunrong, have inaugurated the new train connection in November 2018 in Mannheim.

Another peak regarding our international activities was the implementation of a large international conference, to which experts of all our twin cities and project partners from all over the world were invited. Our international partners supported us with their expertise and contributed to our process to define the new mission statement for the city of Mannheim, which is in line with the 17 sustainable development goals of the agenda 2030 of the United Nations. Mannheim's position is, that we only can manage the actual challenges the world is facing today together and on a global basis. Mannheim is the first city of the state of Baden-Württemberg that is committed to implement its mission

statement in line with those goals. Actually, the process of defining and implementing this new mission statement for our city is in its final throes.

Furthermore, the city of Mannheim has supported and accompanied many encounters between citizens of our twin cities. Among them, there were pupils, choirs and other cultural institutions from Toulon, Haifa, Chisinau and other cities.

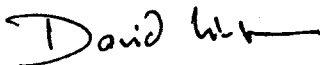
Due to that, the city of Mannheim was able to strengthen and consolidate the relations to our twin cities. Personally, I am glad about that: The international relations, especially to our twin cities, have a major value to the city of Mannheim.

There are many other activities respecting the European and international affairs of the City of Mannheim. However, this would go beyond the scope of this letter. Besides, I would not like to contemplate only the past; on the contrary, the turn of the year means also always a new beginning. Regarding our international affairs, we are looking forward to the next year. We have planned many projects like promoting the awareness of our twin cities amongst the population of Mannheim, for example.

I would kindly like to ask you to support us in that task, mailing us information material (such as flyers, brochures, promotional items) of your city, which our twinning association or the city itself could use during fairs, markets or congresses enable the population of Mannheim to have a better idea of their twin cities. It would please us, if we already could equip the stand of our twinning association on the **06th of January 2019** during the New Year Reception with your information material.

I am looking forward to our continued good cooperation and I wish you happy holidays and a good start into the New Year,

sincerely



David Linse
Fachbereichsleiter