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Sister Cities of Portland, Oregon

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In 1987, the citizens of Portland, Oregon, USA chose Ashkelon, Israel as a sister-city and established PASCA. Our sister-city association was created to foster industrial, economic, educational and cultural exchanges. Our relationship encourages cultural understanding between our citizens. Ashkelon has a major hospital, Barzelai, that serves the entire region including Gazans, that we are most concerned about.



James Autry

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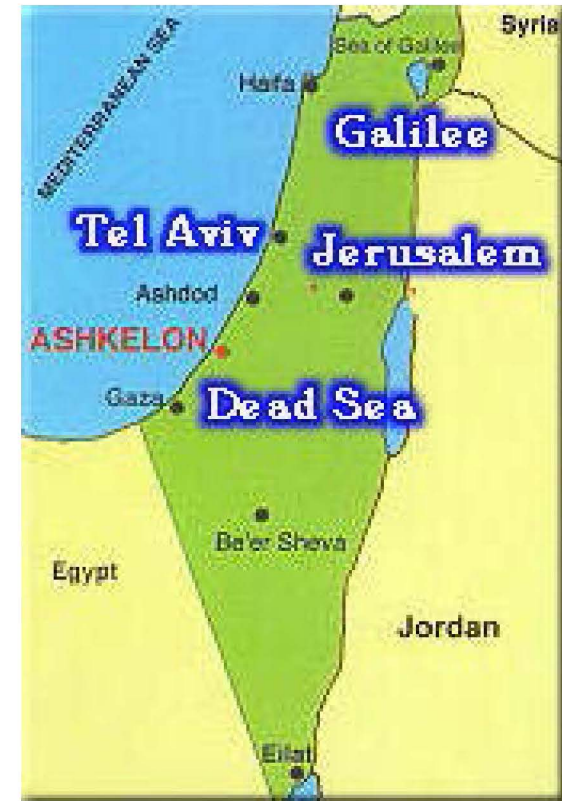
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- Ashkelon has been a Portland Sister City for 27 years
- Ashkelon is a growing Israeli city of 128,000 citizens
- Ashkelon is home to the world's largest water desalination plant, the Israel Beer Breweries & some of the finest most creative young entrepreneurs.

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RICHARD THE
LION-HEARTED
MAY HAVE WALKED THE STREETS OF
ASHKELON
ANCIENT CITY
OF THE SEA



- Ashkelon is an ancient 5,000+ year old “Philistine” garden city located on the Israel’s west coast, the beautiful Mediterranean Sea, rich in world history, the arts & recently added to the Rockefeller Foundation 100 Resilience Cities



- Ashkelon is a modern Israeli city with new young Mayor, **Itamar Shimon** and is the bedroom community for Jews & Arabs that work in Israel's Silicon Forest, inventors of Intel's Pentium 4 Chip, modern voicemail, smart phones, medical breakthroughs & cutting edge environmental technologies



- PASCA has been very active, attending many local events, rebuilding our association's leadership and planning for an amazing future with summer BBQ honoring Rabbi Zuckermann of Congregation Shaarie Torah and planning a Fall Tour of Israel.

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The Portland-Bologna Sister City Association

The Portland-Bologna Sister City Association (PBSCA) was founded in 2003 by a group of interested citizens in Portland to establish a formal relationship with Bologna, Italy.



Help Us Celebrate Our 10th Anniversary

Joining us to mark this major milestone is a delegation from Bologna, and together we've planned a week of great events. We hope to see you there!

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Upcoming Events June 5, 2014

Portland-Bologna: Tenth Anniversary & Casa Bologna

Starts: June 5, 2014 12:00 am

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Upcoming Events June 5, 2014

Portland Bologna: Gathering of Sister Cities Delegations and Mayor Charlie Hales

Starts: June 5, 2014 12:30 pm

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Upcoming Events June 5, 2014

Portland-Bologna: 10th Anniversary Dinner

Starts: June 5, 2014 7:00 pm

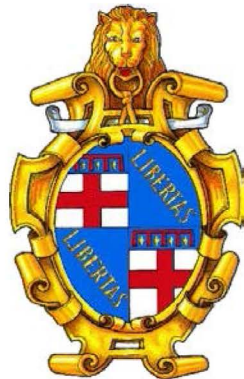
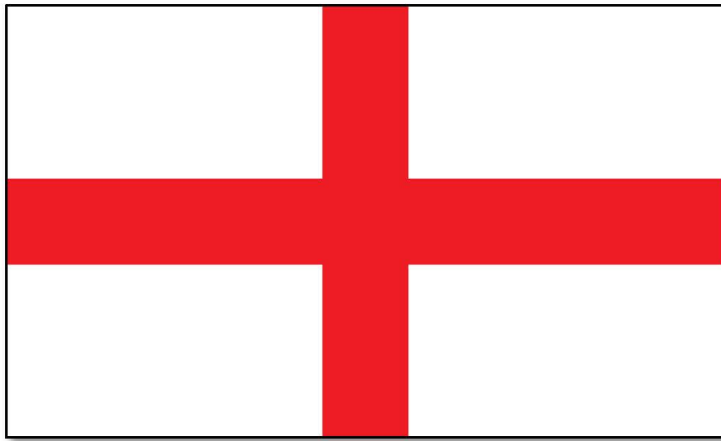
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Upcoming Events June 6, 2014

Portland-Bologna: Tenth Anniversary & Casa Bologna

Starts: June 5, 2014 12:00 am

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- Bologna has been a Portland Sister City for 10 years
- Bologna has three nicknames that have stuck with it for years
 - Bologna la Rossa (the red) for the palate of its buildings & the leaning of its politics
 - Bologna la Grassa (the fat) for its world famous cuisine and food products
 - Bologna la Dotta (the learned) for its incredible university, the world's first



- World's first university, established in 1088 AD, attended by over 100,000 students annually



- World famous for its 26 miles of portici (arcades) that keep the citizens dry and cool



- A commercial & transportation hub for Italy & Europe for centuries

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PGSCA PRESENTS: CINCO DE MAYO 2014

Celebrating 30 years of Family, Culture, and Community

Join us between Saturday May 3 through Monday May 5th to celebrate the 30th annual Portland Cinco de Mayo Fiesta! We have something special for everyone this year including a laser light show, a Día de Los Muertos exhibit, a live butterfly garden, and El Rey de la Acordión--the King of the Accordion--Ramon Ayala on Saturday! Visit our [Events](#) page for more information. Looking for the volunteer registration form? [Click here](#)



PORTLAND GUADALAJARA SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

PGSCA, a 501(c)3 organization founded in 1983, is working on international grassroots and community initiatives that benefit both Portland, Oregon and Guadalajara, Mexico. We accomplish this through arts and culture, humanitarian assistance, youth and education, and economic development and sustainability, all while fostering cross-cultural understanding between the two cities.

For more information, visit our [About Us](#) page.



- Guadalajara has been a Portland Sister City for 31 years.
- Guadalajara is Mexico's second most populous metro area with 4.3 million citizens & Latin America's 10th largest city
- Guadalajara is a cultural center of Mexico, considered by most to be the home of mariachi music and host to a number of large-scale cultural events such as an International Film Festival and International Book Fair



- Plaza de la Liberación - Guadalajara
- This always busy downtown plaza lies at the heart of the city's historic district.



- Fiesta de Octubre Parade -Guadalajara
- With support from the City of Portland and Portland Fire & Rescue, PGSCA's Bombero Program has been facilitating the donation of fire trucks, life saving equipment, and training to the city of Guadalajara since 1999.



- Cinco de Mayo Fiesta at Tom McCall Waterfront Park
- Voted "Oregon's Best Multi Cultural Event", PGSCA is proud to have celebrated our 30th Anniversary at Waterfront Park.



PORTLAND-KAOHSIUNG

Sister City Association

To promote friendship and understanding between the people of Portland, Oregon and Kaohsiung, Taiwan



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DB Race Registration Open!

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About PKSCA



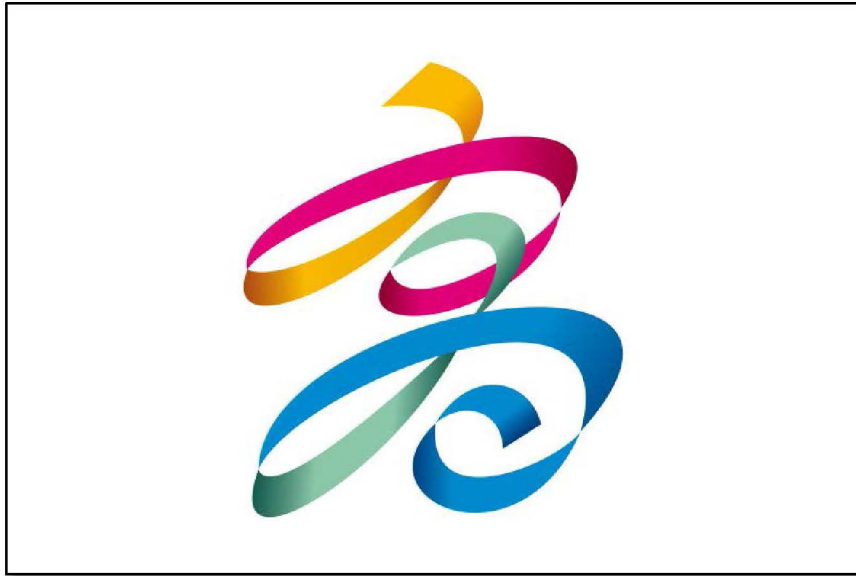
Portland-Kaohsiung Sister City Association promotes people to people exchanges of educational, artistic, and cultural activities. PKSCA maintains several programs that focus on and support our mission. These include the annual Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race, participation in the Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade, and Starlight Parade, annual good will delegation exchanges between Portland and Kaohsiung, and support of Portland Chinese organizations and programs.

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Dragon Boat Races



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- Kaohsiung has been a Portland Sister City for 26 years
- Kaohsiung is the second most populous city with a population of approximately 2.77 million citizens
- Kaohsiung was the host city of the 2009 World Games

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What is your favorite activity in Khabarovsk?

What is your favorite activity in Khabarovsk?

- ☐ Feeding the Bears at the Zoopark
- ☐ Attending a Music or Theatre Performance
- ☐ Enjoying Sun and Shashlik at the Dacha
- ☐ Going to the Banya
- ☐ Shopping
- ☐ Ice Fishing (Brrrr)
- ☐ Dancing at the Clubs
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ All of the above!

We are the Portland Khabarovsk Sister City Association



The 2014 Victory Day Celebration Will Be Held May 4th, 2014

One thing Russia and the U.S. still do agree on these days is the monumental role played by the Soviet people in the defeat of Hitler, an achievement commemorated annually in grandiose style during the Russian holiday known as "The Day of Victory" or simply "The 9th of May". Accordingly, in the spirit of Russo-American cooperation and friendship, the Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association (PKSCA) invites the public to a Victory Day celebration in the form of a gala reception at Kachka, Portland's newest Russian restaurant. (Kachka restaurant is located at 720 SE Grand, between Morrison and Alder.) To learn more and to purchase tickets, click on "Read more..." below.

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2014 Victory Day Celebration

PKSCA Invites You
To Attend A
Gala Russian Celebration



Victory Day and
Member Celebration

May 4th, 1-4 pm
Kachka Restaurant
Admission \$20
Culture and Zakuski



Хабаровск

Portland

4 мая с 1 до 4 вечера
Ресторан "Качка"
Закуски и Культурная Программа



- Khabarovsk has been a Portland Sister City for 26 years
- Khabarovsk is the Regional Capital of Russian Far East
- Khabarovsk is Russia's inland port where the Amur River borders with China & connects with the Ussuri River



- PKSCA works in the Khabarovsk territory to address important environmental issues.
- Here PKSCA representatives meet with young Pioneers at a site near Komsomolsk-na-Amur
- The Pioneers are trying to prevent cancer-causing mine tailings from blowing into their community below.



- Technology transfer is a big part of PKSCA's environmental programs.
- Two chemists from the Khabarovsk Vodokanal (Water Company) learn to operate new analytical equipment
- The equipment was used in a quick response to an upstream chemical spill to Khabarovsk's water supply in 2004



- PKSCA's Russian partners are as interested in our ecological systems as our technology
- Here Vladimir Sidorov views the impoundment in Portland's Bull Run watershed.
- The public's accessibility to our utility infrastructure is surprising to many of our Russian partners.

Portland Mutare Sister City Association

It takes a planet to save a village!

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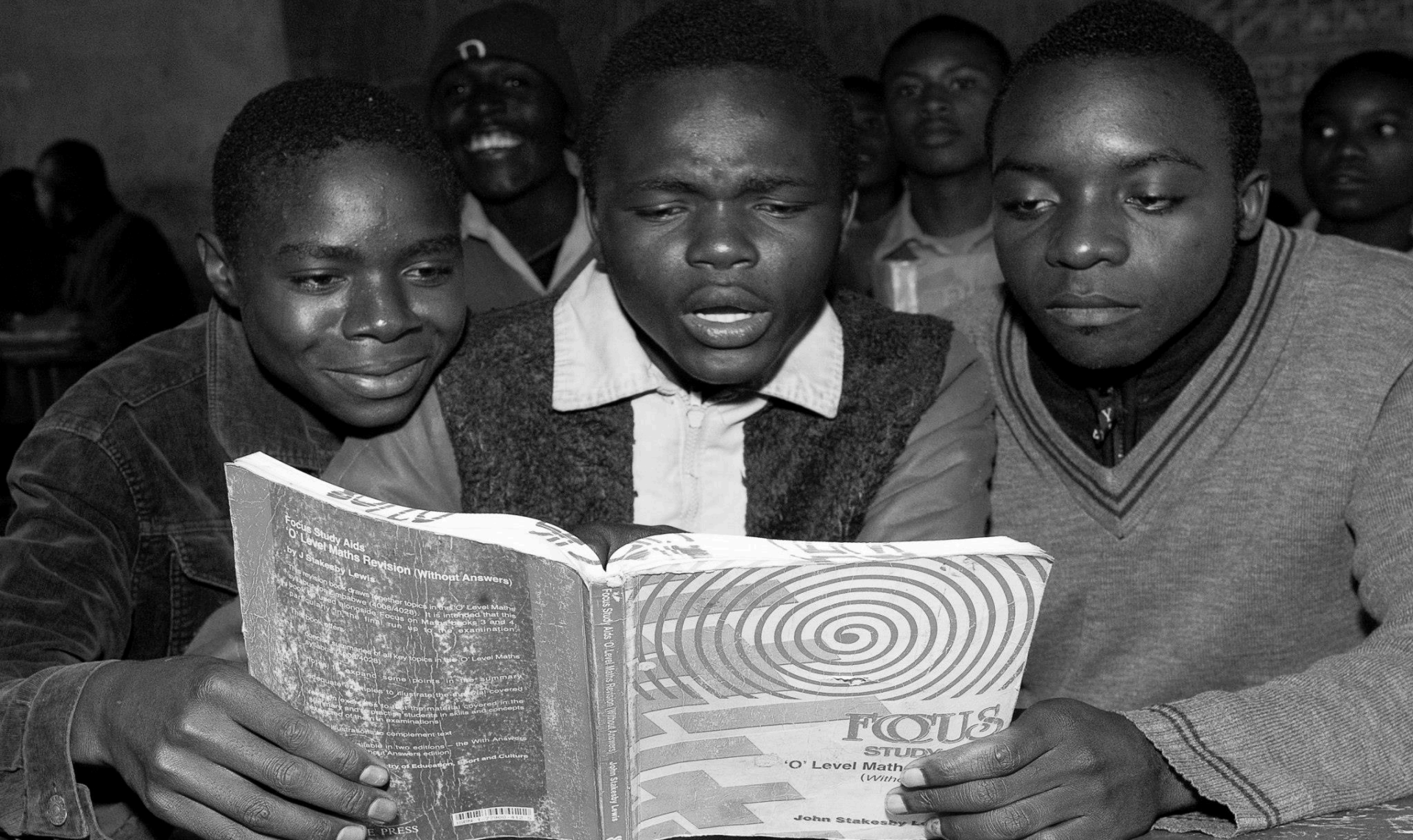
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The Portland-Mutare sister City Association (PMSCA) is one of 11 Sister Cities in Portland, Oregon and the only African Sister City connecting cultural, educational, business and in the case of PMSCA, humanitarian efforts with cities around the globe.

As a non-profit organization, PMSCA works to promote good will and the exchange of ideas, goods, culture and friendship between the people of Portland, Oregon and Mutare,



- Mutare has been a Portland Sister City for 23 years
- Mutare is located in the beautiful Eastern Highlands on the border of Mozambique & gateway to the Indian Ocean.
- Mutare is home to the Mutare Museum, the Utopia House Museum dedicated to Kingsley Fairbridge, the National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Murahwa Hill (known for its rock paintings and Iron Age village), Cross Kopje with a memorial to Zimbabweans and Mozambicans killed in World War I and a nature reserve.



- PMSCA works to promote good will and the exchange of ideas, goods, culture and friendship between the people of Portland, Oregon and Mutare, Zimbabwe.



- We strive to learn from our differences, celebrate our similarities and nurture our interconnectedness.



- Over the years, Portland's efforts in Mutare have focused on teaching new techniques for agriculture, ongoing support for educational needs and orphan education, development of a health clinic and empowerment of people living with HIV/AIDS.

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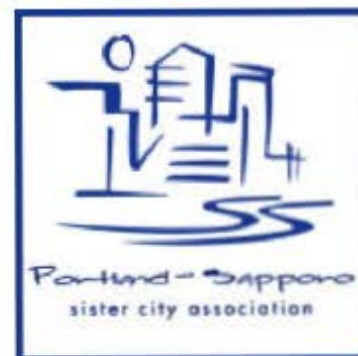
WELCOME!

The **Portland-Sapporo Sister City Association** is the organization that stewards the longest-running Sister City relationship in Portland, Oregon -- and one of the oldest in the United States. With a mission of fostering and promoting cross-cultural understanding between the U.S. and Japan, the Portland-Sapporo Sister City Association was founded in 1959 and celebrated its 50th successful year in 2009.



Portland and Sapporo are similar in many ways, despite being separated by more than 4,000 miles. Northern cities that lie at close to the same latitude, both are relatively young cities of approximately 150 years, with metropolitan populations of close to two million. Both cities enjoy beautiful settings and an appreciation of the outdoors. Both were established by

pioneers -- by loggers and fishermen -- who took good advantage of their respective region's rich natural resources.

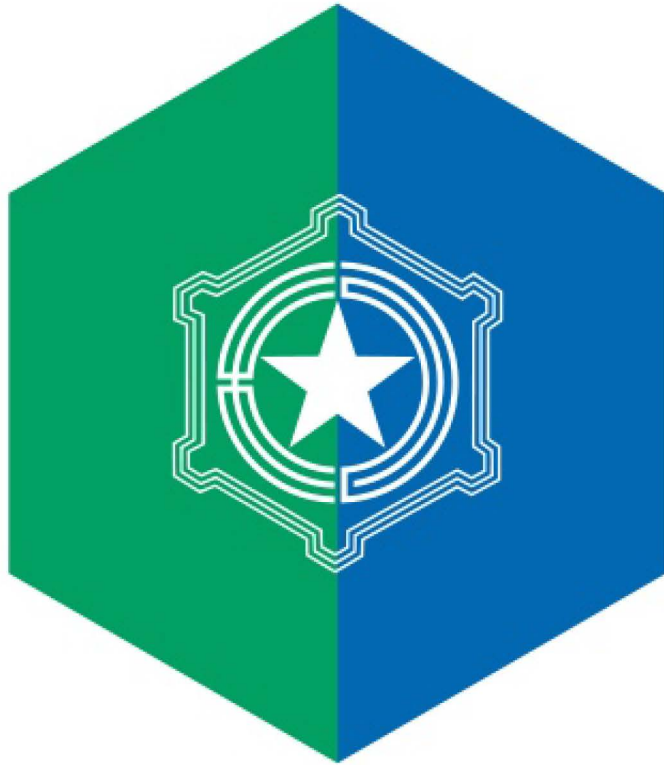


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- Sapporo has been a Portland Sister City for 55 years
- Sapporo is Japan's 4th largest city with 1.9 million citizens
- Sapporo is also home to Sapporo Brewery



- PSSCA cosponsors the Sapporo Shorts Film Festival at NW Film Center
- Film Directors visit PDX for festival & talk with Grant High School students



- PSSCA sponsors annual Sapporo Summer Institute for high school students
- PSSCA hosts annual Sapporo High School delegations



- PSSCA sponsors annual snow team to participate in Sapporo Snow Festival
- Over 15 years

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Suzhou Gala 2013

WELCOME!

The Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association, Inc (PSSCA) is dedicated to mutual friendship and understanding between the people of Portland and Suzhou and the regions they serve. PSSCA will sponsor, encourage and facilitate cultural, economic, educational, and other exchanges and programs of goodwill. You are welcome to support our work by becoming a member or sponsor, by making a generous donation or by attending and supporting our many cultural, educational, and business events. Please visit our Support page for more details.

JOIN PSSCA!

Please join the Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association for our signature event, *the Evening Under the Stars Gala* on July 31, 2014 and *Suzhou Week* during the last week of July 2014.



- Suzhou has been a Portland Sister City for 26 years
- Suzhou is China's 9th most populous city with 10 million citizens and has a rich 2,500 year history.
- Suzhou is often dubbed the "Venice of the East"



- October 2013 - Mayoral Trip to Suzhou and Visit to Nike Facility



- March 2014 – Suzhou & Portland jointly received a US-China Sister Cities Award in the “Economy & Trade”



- July 2014 - Suzhou Week with Official and Cultural Delegations coming to Portland

QUARTERLY KOREAN
PROGRAM SERIES:
"CONFUCIAN IDEALS IN
KOREAN VISUAL CULTURE"
KOREAN WAR VETERANS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014
INVITED TO VISIT ULSAN
- 6:00PM



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QUARTERLY KOREAN PROGRAM SERIES: "CONFUCIAN IDEALS IN KOREAN VISUAL CULTURE" THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014 – 6:00PM

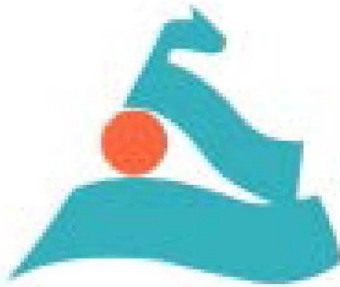
The PSU Institute for Asian Studies' Quarterly Korean Program Series and Portland Art Museum welcome Dr. Kumja Paik Kim, Curator Emerita of Korean Art, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco for a public lecture "Confucian Ideals in Korean Visual Culture" Thursday, January 23, 2014 6:00 PM doors



KOREAN WAR VETERANS INVITED TO VISIT ULSAN

Excited to announce that 6 Korean War veterans from Oregon and 3 alternates have been selected to take part in a Korea ReVisit trip, Oct 1-5, 2013, sponsored by Portland's Sister City, Ulsan, South Korea. Stay tuned for more info in the upcoming weeks. This

Ulsan *for*
you



- Ulsan has been a Portland Sister City for 27 years
- Portland-Ulsan Sister City Association promotes bilateral relations and exchange between the cities of Portland, Oregon and Ulsan, South Korea.
- Ulsan is a rich, global, industrial ocean-port city.
- Similar to Portland, Ulsan boasts an exceptionally high quality of life, a focus on natural restoration, arts & outdoor recreation.



- A select group of high school students from Ulsan convene in Portland each summer to participate in a Future Global Leaders Program.
- Living with host families in Portland provides a laboratory for gaining first hand experience & knowledge of Portland and USA culture.
- Portland families learn about Korea, in return.



- Inspired by Portland's beauty, the City of Ulsan has modeled numerous public projects after Portland.
 - **Ulsan Grand Park** -- inspired by Washington Park / Forest Park
 - **Ulsan Rose Valley** -- inspired by Portland's Int'l Rose Garden
 - **Ulsan Rose Festival** -- inspired by the Portland Rose Festival
 - **Restoration of the Taehwa River** & development of green belts for pedestrian enjoyment and recreation -- inspired by the Willamette R. in downtown Portland



- In honor of the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War, the City of Ulsan invited six Portland area Korean war veterans to visit Korea in October 2013.

