



# Sister Cities

Sister Cities of Portland, Oregon

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**St. Werburgh's Mission Clinic**  
Mutare, Zimbabwe



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## SISTER CITIES



Ashkelon, Israel



Guadalajara, Mexico



Khabarovsk, Russia



Sapporo, Japan



Ulsan, South Korea



Bologna, Italy



Kaohsiung, Taiwan



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People's Republic of China



# Portland - Ashkelon Sister City Association

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## Welcome to PASCA

PASCA was created to foster industrial, economic, educational & cultural exchanges by encouraging understanding between our citizens.

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[General Steering Committee at Congregation Shaarie Torah](#)

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[General Steering Committee at Congregation Shaarie Torah](#)

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## Connecting Our Cities for Our Common Good

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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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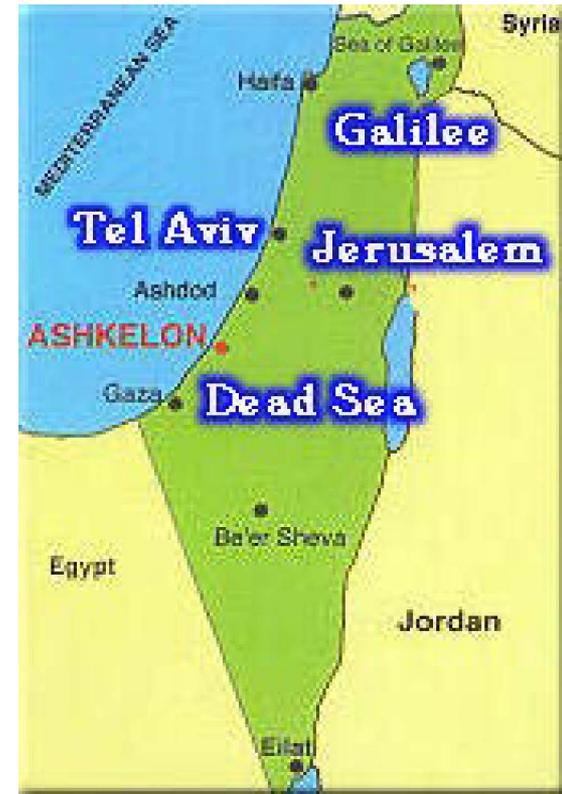
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- Ashkelon has been a Portland Sister City for 29 years
- Ashkelon is a growing Israeli city of 138,300 citizens
- Ashkelon is home to the world's largest water desalination plant, the Israel Beer Breweries & some of the finest most creative young entrepreneurs.

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ALEXANDER  
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 Shimoni** 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.



PHINERGY

**THE FUTURE**

IS IN THE AIR



- PASCA partnered with a Multnomah University student to help us identify businesses in Portland & Israel that are working in 3 strategic technological industries
  - Medical Breakthroughs
  - Electronic Breakthroughs
  - Environmental Breakthroughs
- We are now working on strategies to pair these businesses so that they can begin to work together



**Portland-Bologna Sister City Association (PBSCA)** actively promotes the strong ties between Portland, Oregon and Bologna, Italy through events, exchanges, exhibits and outreach.

### Upcoming Events

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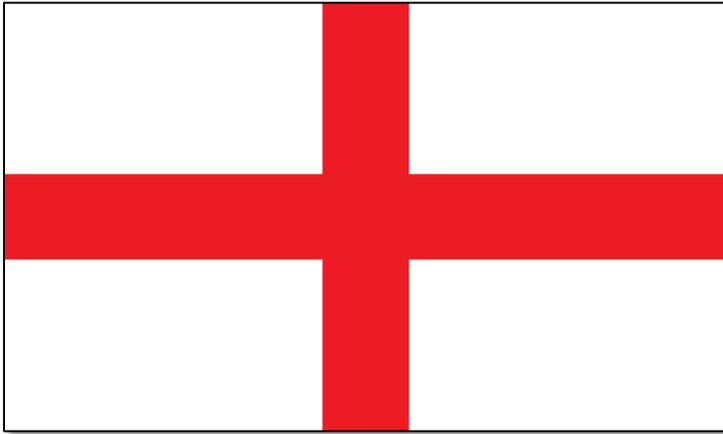
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### Bologna is coming to Portland!



### Contribute





- Bologna has been a Portland Sister City for 12 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



- Youth Exchange participants learning how to make pasta from the masters, the nonne di Bologna.



- We celebrate, Italian Style, even in Portland, at our annual Amici Dinner, gathering our supporters at Bellino Ristorante last Spring.



- Street Café in Bologna



- Bicycles and Cell Phones along the streets of Bologna.



#### 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 33 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



- Annual donation to Fundacion Faro de Alejandría



- Cinco de Mayo at the Portland Waterfront



- Mayor Charlie Hales keynote speaker at the Naturalization Ceremony in 2015.



- Karen Ruiz Lopez - PGSCA Scholarship Recipient.



- PGSCA adopt a class for Christmas in Dec of 2015



- PGSCA visits the City of Guadalajara and the office of Mayor Alfaro



# PORTLAND-KAOHSIUNG

## Sister City Association

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



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#### Portland-Kaohsiung Sister City Association



#### Race Calendar



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#### DB Race Registration Open!

**2014 Mixed & Women's Application**

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#### About PKSCA



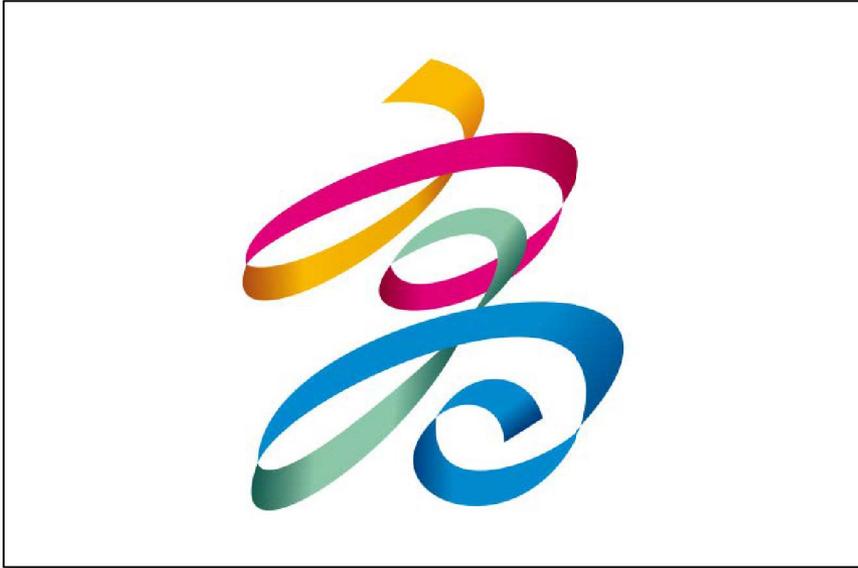
Portland-Kaohsiung Sister City Association promotes people to people exchanges of educational, artistic, and cultural activities. PKSCA maintains several programs that focus on and support our mission. These include the annual Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race, participation in the Portland Rose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

[MORE INFO](#)

#### Dragon Boat Races



[2013 Race Results](#)  
[Past Race Results](#)



- Kaohsiung has been a Portland Sister City for 28 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



- Shu-Te Banner in 2015 Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade



- Shu-Te Dancers in 2015 Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade



- Portland/Kaohsiung “Bloomin’ With Friendship” Float in 2015 Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade



- Dragon Boats



- Portland Delegation with Kaohsiung City Council



- Sellwood Jazz Band Performing



- 2015 Rose Festival Queen Kahedja riding in Kaohsiung Parade

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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.

[Read more... >>](#)

## 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 28 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



- 2016 Gymnasium #5, a Khabarovsk public magnet school specializing in English language study



- Student singers performing at the annual Youth Art Exhibit, one of many community events scheduled during the Day of the City Festival in late May



- Portland delegation with students and staff in front of Gymnasium #5



- Khabarovsk's recently renovated turn-of-the-century train station



- Khabarovsk's majestic waterfront park



- Russian dancers dressed in traditional festive attire during the Day of City Festival Parade.



- Royal Rosarian knighting of the Deputy Mayor of Khabarovsk during the 2014 Rose Festival Week

# Portland Mutare Sister City Association

It takes a planet to save a village!

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## Mutare, Our Sister City



Zimbabwe is often referred to as the Jewel of Africa, and Mutare, as a city, serves as an example of just that. Located high in the beautiful Eastern Highlands on the border of Mozambique, Mutare is the gateway to the Indian Ocean. It is clean, modern and very close to many of Zimbabwe's outstanding tourist attractions. The city of Mutare is located right on the border between Zimbabwe and Mozambique. For this reason, it has always been considered the country's gateway to the sea. The Beira Corridor, a comprehensive link to the Mozambican port of Beira



- Mutare has been a Portland Sister City for 25 years – with a humanitarian focus on supporting health and education programs.
- Mutare is located in Zimbabwe’s beautiful Eastern Highlands bordering Mozambique & South Africa
- Mutare is Zimbabwe’s third largest city, with a background in forestry, farming, and tourism.



Halloween themed Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser



Marimba Concert





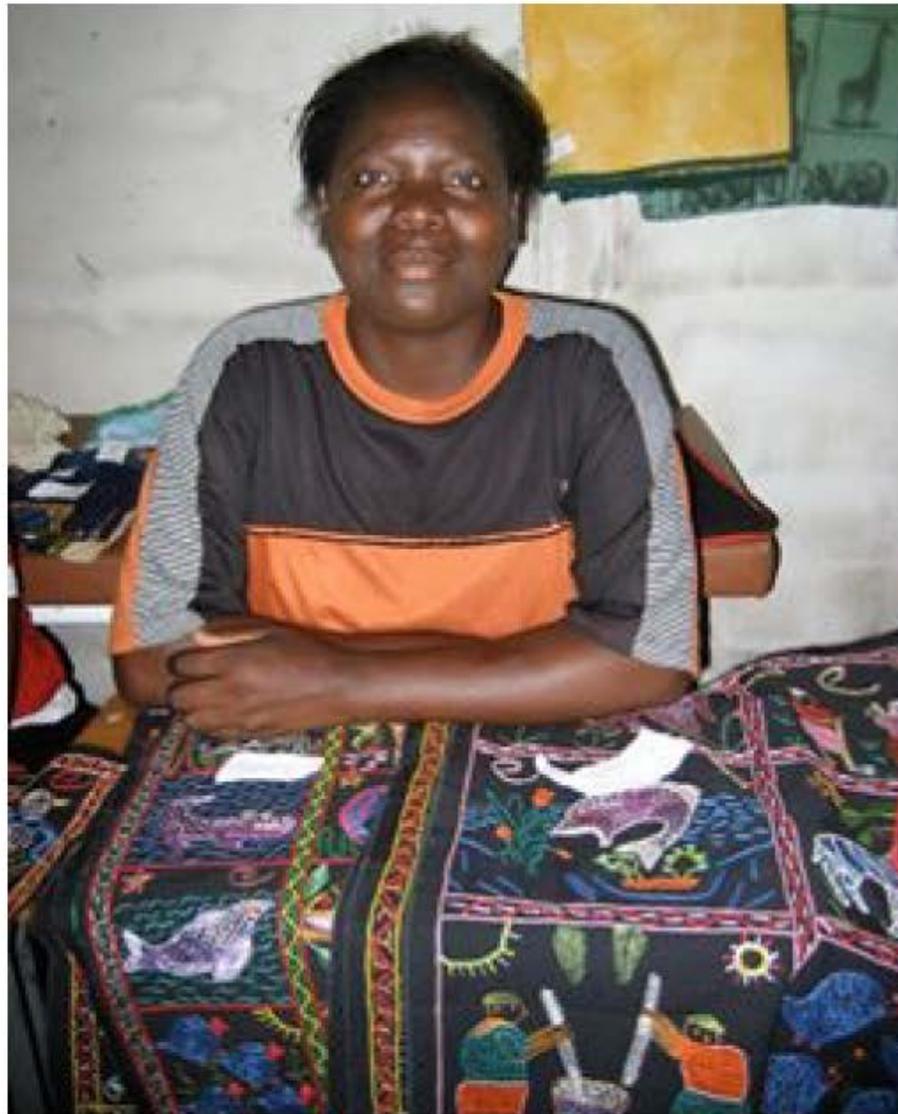
Market at the Zimbabwe Festival  
at Western Oregon University



Film Benefit at the Hollywood Theatre



Quilt made from panels  
created by women affected by HIV



Zimbabwean woman from Weya Art creating panels



Zimbabwean athlete welcomed to Portland  
for 2016 World Indoor Championships



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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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# Portland Sapporo Sister City Association

Shared Goal:

Building Livable and Vibrant Cities

1959-2016

# Youth Exchanges



Portland-Sapporo  
sister city association

- Exchange with 8 city high schools of Sapporo – 16 students (March)
- Sapporo Summer Institute – 5<sup>th</sup> Year (June/July 2016)





# Adult Exchanges



Portland-Sapporo  
sister city association

- Portland Marathon
- Portland Micro-Brews in Sapporo
- Izakaya Foods and Sake Tasting



Sponsored by Portland Sapporo Sister City Association

### Japanese Sake Tasting & Local Izakaya Food Night

Suggested Donation: \$50/person

Join us for an evening of Sake Tasting matched with izakaya foods made from local fresh ingredients. Markon Fukuro, a nationally known sake sommelier, will introduce you to the alluring qualities of fine sake from northern Honshu and Hokkaido, and how to match them with the diverse izakaya dishes. Wrap up the evening by soaking your feet in an Ashiya, a Japanese footbath.

For Markon Fukuro, see article (Click the link below)  
<http://www.portlandjournal.com/2015/07/10/sake-tasting/>  
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**Saturday, July 11th 6:30-9:00 PM**  
**Bacon/Kamata Home**  
(3725 NE 40th Ave, Portland, OR 97212)

RSVP required. Seats are limited and open on a first come, first served basis. Please contact:  
[psacpresident@gmail.com](mailto:psacpresident@gmail.com) (Click)

A photograph of several small plates of izakaya food, including what looks like a bowl of ramen, a plate of small dishes, and a glass of sake.

# Cultural Exchanges: Sapporo Shorts, Origami, and 47 Samurai



- Sapporo Shorts at Northwest Film Center
- Origami Master
- PSU's "47 Samurai" Kabuki Theatre



# Portland Snow Team



- 19 Years at Sapporo Snow Festival
- Sponsorship by Columbia, Taiheiyo Cement, and many others
- 2017 – Partnership with Pacific Northwest College of Art

# PSSCA Awarded

PSSCA awarded the *Consul General of Japan Commendation* in December 2015



# PORTLAND-SUZHOU SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

# 波特兰苏州 姐妹城市协会

## Events >

2016 Evening Under The Stars Annual Gala

2016 World Friendship Day >

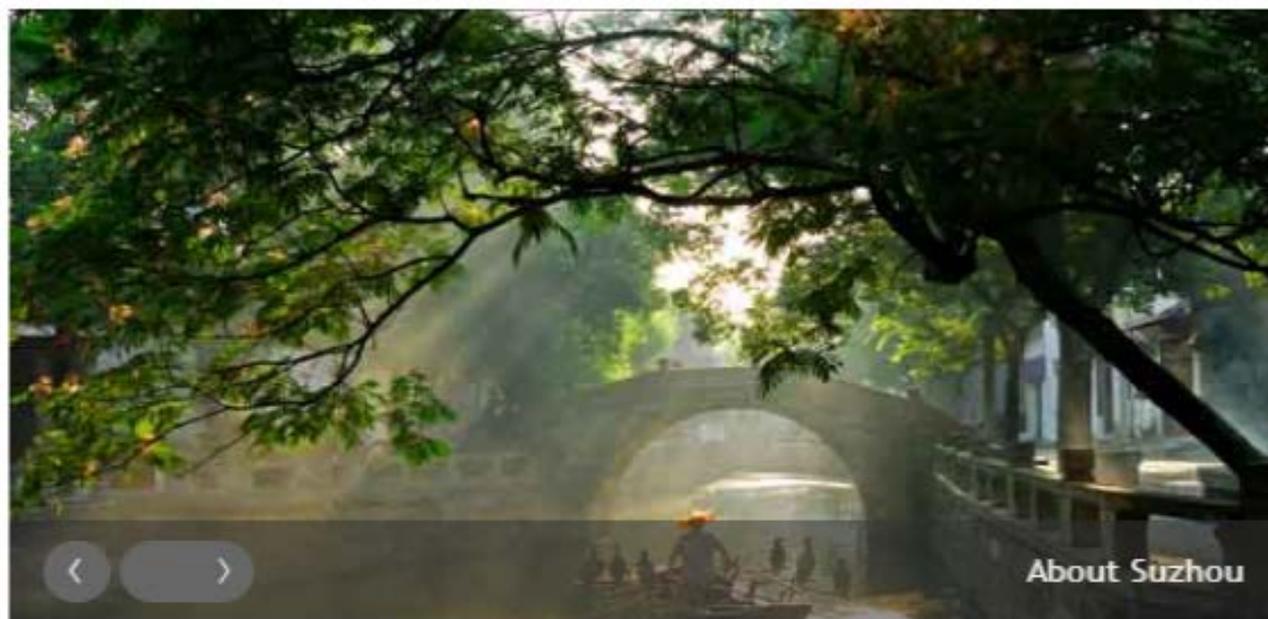
2016 Portland Suzhou Exchange Program >

2015 Annual Meeting Dec 9 2015 >

2015 Evening Under the Stars Gala -> June 12, 2015

2014 Annual Meeting Dec 3 2014 >

26th Anniversary Evening Under The Stars Gala July 31, 2014 >



About Suzhou

## WELCOME!

The Portland Suzhou Sister City Association (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

## THANK YOU!

For celebrating with us during our annual signature event, the Evening Under the Stars Gala, on June 12, 2015. We very much appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you soon in the future!



- Suzhou is often dubbed the "Venice of the East"
- Suzhou has been a Portland Sister City for 28 years
- Suzhou is China's 9th most populous city with 10 million citizens and has a rich 2,500 year history.
- Suzhou is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest economic zone in China

# Simon Benson Bubbler -1912



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SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

波特兰苏州  
姐妹城市协会

# Benson Bubbler in Suzhou



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# Educational Exchanges

> K-12

Ten Schools

> Higher Ed:

Soochow

University

Students,

Teachers &

Administrators



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# Cultural Exchange

- > Calligraphy
- > World Friendship Day
- > Student Performances
- > LanSu Gardens



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# Economic Development

- Shared Business Database
- Medical Tourism
- Senior Living



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**Please Join Us – Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**  
**Evening Under the Stars Gala at the LanSu Garden!**



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



## LANGUAGES

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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

## PARTNERS & SPONSORS

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## 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**



## **Portland-Ulsan Sister City Association – Est. 1987**

- Promoting 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 and a focus on environmental initiatives.



**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 River in downtown Portland



Celebrating its grand opening this week, the newly build **Ulsan Harbor Bridge** is the 3rd longest, single-span suspension bridge in the world.



## **Portland-Ulsan Educational Exchange**

- Annual “Future Global Leaders” Program in Portland each summer for high school students from Ulsan.
- Students from the greater Portland area visit Ulsan each spring and summer.
- Portland State University & the University of Ulsan have maintained an active Sister University exchange since 1995.

# Portland & Utrecht Friends on a Mission!



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- Smart, creative economy
- Equity & Human Rights
- Local products
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## Portland Dutch Society

- Kingsday
- Sinterklaas

