

**Memorandum on Further Strengthening Sister Province/State
Relationship Between the State of Washington of the United States of
America and Sichuan Province of the People's Republic of China**

At the invitation of Mr. Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, the United States, Mr. Zhong Mian, Executive Vice Governor of Sichuan Province, China, paid a friendly visit to Washington, the United States, from November 10th to 12th, 2014. During the visit, Executive Vice Governor Zhong Mian had formal meetings with officials of the State of Washington. The two sides reviewed the documents establishing the formal sister Province/State relations in 1982, and made positive comments on the achievements between both sides in recent years in the fields of economy, trade, culture, education and personnel exchanges. Based on these achievements, both sides highlighted their willingness for further strengthening friendly and mutually beneficial cooperation, and promoting deeper and broader bilateral exchanges. As a result of these discussions, the following Memorandum is entered into:

I. Based on the principle of diplomatic relations established between the People's Republic of China and The United States of America, in accordance with the regulations of both sides, and on the basis of agreements signed and mutual respect, mutual trust, equality and mutual benefit, we shall strengthen Sister Province/State Relationship between Sichuan Province of the People's Republic of China and the State of Washington of the United States of America.

II. Both sides acknowledged that we share leadership in the fields of information technology, civil aviation, agriculture, food and beverages, biotechnology, energy conservation, environmental protection and exhibition. We agree to work together to promote and strengthen the cooperation in the above mentioned fields of common interest and work toward a more sustainable economic partnership.

III. Both sides acknowledged that there are many prospects for the economic and trade cooperation between small and medium-sized enterprises. We will undertake measures to support and encourage interaction between the two sides to increase contacts and to explore new means to expand cooperation. Sichuan Provincial Government welcomes small and medium-sized enterprises of Washington to develop trade relations and invest in Sichuan, and is willing to provide the necessary support for these enterprises to set up representative offices in Sichuan and to explore the possibility of establishing a State of Washington economic park in Sichuan. The Sichuan Provincial Government shall actively encourage Sichuan enterprises to invest in Washington. The Government of the State of Washington expresses their welcome, and will provide assistance to Sichuan enterprises through its Department of

Commerce to invest in Washington and will consider the establishment of a Sichuan industrial park in the future.

IV. Both sides acknowledged that the collaboration in tourism, education, sports and culture is an important part of the friendly relations between Sichuan and Washington, and will support and encourage relevant departments from both sides to increase contacts and communications. The two sides will consider conducting a series of promotional activities, including economy and trade, tourism, and culture, to push forward two-way exchanges and cooperation, and further enhance the understanding and friendship between the people of Sichuan and Washington. The State of Washington will organize an official and business delegation to visit Sichuan and participate in the 16th West China International Fair in 2016.

V. Both sides acknowledged that it is necessary to enhance communications, and actively promote bilateral cooperation.

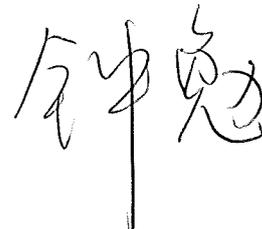
For purposes of the implementation of this memorandum, the Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs Department of Sichuan Provincial People's Government and the Governor's Office of International Relations of the State of Washington will be the contact units, and they will provide the necessary support to promote these bilateral exchanges.

This MOU is done in duplicate in Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.



Lieutenant Governor

The State of Washington of
the United States of America



Executive Vice Governor

Sichuan Province of
the People's Republic of China

Signed on this date of November the 11th, 2014, in the city of Olympia.