Prosperous Cooperation Agreement

Between

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AND

THE PROVINCE OF JEOLLABUK-DO OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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Therefore: The Governor of Washington and the Governor of Jeollabuk-do reaffirm our special relationship and commit to strengthening our ties in the future.

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3. An expansion of general trade and the encouragement of using products and services from the State and Province. This is to include agricultural products, manufactures items and intellectual services.
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5. Improving ties between the academic institutions of the State and Province to include research, collaboration and student exchanges.
This joint memorandum is entered into on the 25th day of May in the year 2016 and is signed in the presence of representatives of the State of Washington and Jeollabuk-do in Olympia, Washington.

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