

IOWA GOVERNOR TERRY BRANSTAD NAMED CHINA AMBASSADOR BY PRESIDENT-ELECT DONALD TRUMP

Washington, DC (December 7, 2016) – Today, President-elect Donald Trump announced his selection of Iowa Governor Terry Branstad as Ambassador to China.

In 2012, Governor Branstad received Sister Cities International's distinguished Michael A. Guido Leadership Award for his support of and involvement with the Iowa sister city and sister state movement.

Throughout his tenure, Governor Branstad has participated in several business and trade missions to sister states, including seven visits to China, that have helped pave the way to furthering Iowa's growth. Most recently, he met with the country's agriculture minister and officials from Iowa's sister province, Hebei.

Sister Cities International wishes to congratulate Governor Branstad on his appointment and looks forward to working with him on increasing and strengthening U.S.-China sister city relations in the future.

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About Sister Cities International

Founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, Sister Cities International serves as the national membership organization for over 570 individual member communities with relationships in 2,300 communities in 150 countries. This sister city network unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers who work tirelessly to promote peace and understanding through programs and projects focusing on arts and culture, youth and education, economic and sustainable development, and humanitarian assistance.

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