

**CITY TWINNING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN HARBIN,
CAPITAL OF THE PROVINCE OF HEILONGJIANG, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA, AND MAGDEBURG,
CAPITAL OF THE FEDERAL STATE OF SAXONY-ANHALT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

On the basis of the declaration of intent signed on 17 June 2002 and the agreement signed during a friendly visit by a delegation from the City of Magdeburg to Harbin on 22 September 2006 to further increase friendly exchange and cooperation, the representatives of both cities have determined to establish a city twinning arrangement.

1. It is the will of us both to work together in accordance with the principles of equal status and mutual advantage.

In this way, our esteem for one another is to be increased and our respect for different traditions cemented.


2. In accordance with these principles, we shall continue to pursue our varied forms of exchange and collaboration in the fields of culture, tourism, education, trade, etc., with the aim of contributing to the growth and prosperity of both cities.

3. In the interests of mutual understanding, we shall promote encounters and projects between the citizens of our communities, so that they are able to play an active part in shaping the partnership.

4. There shall also be regular contact between the civic leaders and the responsible departments of both cities for the purpose of exchange and cooperation and to address matters of mutual interest.

5. We undertake to support all activities which serve to turn our mutual objectives into reality, and to promote every suitable means of ensuring that the growth of cooperation between our two peoples proceeds harmoniously.

This agreement was signed on 2 July, in Magdeburg. It was prepared in three languages (Chinese, German and English), each of which is equally binding.


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