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Chinese Official Visit to Eugene

June 7, 2006

With the invitation of Senate President, Peter Courtney, on May 22nd, a delegation of seven governmental officials from Henan Province will arrive in Oregon for a 2 day visit.

The delegation consists of

- 4 Provincial Legislative Directors, (which they call "People's Congress");
- 1 City of Shangqiu official;
- 1 Provincial Foreign Affairs Director;
- Henan University President

The purpose of their visit will be to build on and broaden the contacts between Oregon and Henan that have been active since the year 2,000. Besides Fujian Province which we have sister state partnership, Henan is the only other province with which there is an ongoing, active state to state relationship with Oregon. This relationship has been supported by current and previous Governors' Offices and other state officials.

In March of 2005, a Memo of Understanding was agreed upon in Zhengzhou in which a commitment was made to the broadening of economic, educational and cultural cooperation. Among the many points addressed, both sides agreed to work specifically on ways in which to "create more jobs in both Henan and Oregon."

In the State Capitol., schedules have been scheduled for them to meet with Peter Courtney, Senate President, Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State, Pat Egan, Governor's Chief of Staff, Karen Goddin, International Trade Manager of the Oregon Economic & Community Development Department. In Eugene, the delegation will meet with Eugene City Mayor, Lane County Commissioners, University President Dave Frohnmayer and other university officials. We have organized a business site tour for the Chinese officials and they will have dinner with business leaders and sustainable business development presentations organized by Joshua Proudfoot and Rusty Rexius.

Works has been in progress for both sides to sign an agreement and strategy to expand the economic, social, cultural and educational relationship. It is hoped that you will be able to take the time to meet with the Chinese officials in order to advance these goals.

May 26, 2006

TO: The Honorable Lane County Commissioners:
Ms. Anna Morrison,
Mr. Bill Dwyer,
Mr. Bobby Green,
Mr. Faye Stewart,
Mr. Peter Sorenson

FROM: Peter Leung

RE: Receiving Chinese Government Officials to visit Eugene in June 7th

With the invitation of Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney, Henan Provincial Government officials are coming to Oregon on the 6th and 7th. In addition to visiting Eugene, they shall have an official reception, meetings and luncheon in the State Capitol. This delegation consists of provincial legislative heads, Henan University president, and a key government official from the City of Shangqiu. The purpose of their visit is to broaden the collaborative relationship to other areas in business, educational, cultural and mutual understanding.

During the last five years, Henan and Oregon have exchanges multiple cultural and governmental official visits. I believe the climate of improving and broadening the relationships in the areas of cultural, educational, governmental, and trade is excellent. Let me summarize some new developments:

- In September 2005, the University of Oregon's Center for Applied Second Language Studies (CASLS) and the Portland Public School District became the joint recipients of the National Security Education Program (NSEP) grant to oversee a K-16 Chinese immersion program. This unique program is the first in the nation and will serve as a national model for future NSEP programs. It is reasonable to believe that we might have a Chinese language immersion school similar to the one in Portland in our city soon.
- University of Oregon is ready to launch its East Asia-China Initiative to build on the university's already strong ties with East Asia countries to create new opportunities for students, faculty members, alumni, the Eugene community and the State of Oregon. This ambitious and comprehensive plan intends to make Eugene and the University the "hub" not only for academic, cultural and educational activities in the northwest region; it will become a key Asian resource center for Oregon. This strategically important office will be headed by Chunsheng Zhang, vice provost for International Affairs. Dr Zhang will assume his duties on June 1st. The City and the Eugene community should have a welcoming community reception for Dr. Zhang to come to city.

- Oregon State University has aggressively initiated the "Oregon State in China" program, of which I am a member, and has a definite schedule to visit China in the first week of September of this year led by their university president Dr Ed Ray.
- The state of Oregon has scheduled to send its cultural delegation to return a visit to Henan Province in the first week of September, 2006, in pursuance of an expansion and broadening of a five year cultural exchange relationship. Delegation members will include University officials, musicians from both Eugene Symphony Orchestra and Corvallis-OSU Symphony Orchestra, educators from Eugene and other leaders. I am coordinating this visit.
- Eugene ACT-SO (Afro-American Cultural Technological and Scientific Olympics) has recently sent a request to the City for financial support to broaden the scope and meanings of the well established cultural exchange program between the State of Oregon and Henan Province.
- The Oregon Legislative's Joint Commission on Fujian Sister State, at the request of Speaker Karen Minnis and Senate President Peter Courtney, and under the leadership of House Speaker Pro Tem Dennis Richardson, Rep Terry Beyer have organized a delegation of State Legislators, business leaders to visit China between June 14-26. I shall be a member of this delegation.

With this new developments and established relationships in both sides to improve and broaden the relationship, I am sure there are a lot of things you can do to put in your resources to help Oregon to position to be the truly progressive Pacific Rim state along with the states of Washington and California.

Itinerary For the Henan Provincial Government Delegation

Delegation Members:

Mr. Li Zhibin Delegation Head	Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Henan Province
Mr. Hou Guofu	Deputy Director-general of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Henan Province
Mr. Xie Yu'an	Deputy Secretary-general of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Henan Province
Mr. GuoJunfeng	Deputy Director-general of the Foreign Affairs Office of the People's Government of Henan Province
Mr. Ma Jianxin	Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Shangqiu Municipality, Henan Province
Mr. Guan Aihe	President of Henan University
Mr. Liu Zuyi	Deputy Director of the General Office of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Henan Province

June 5th Monday

Delegation arrived late evening

June 6th Tuesday

- 9:00 am Delegation meet with Karen Goddin, OECD International Trade Manager and staff

- 11:00 am Lunch with Karen Goddin, Marlan Carlson, Peter Leung

- 12:30 pm Drive to Salem State Capitol

- 1:30 pm Meeting with Senate President, Peter Courtney

- 2:00 pm Meeting with Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State

- 3:30 pm Drive to Corvallis

- 4:30 pm Check in to Hilton Hotel

- 6:00 pm Dinner in Marlan's house, joined by Mid Willamette Valley Region's state, city and county officials

- 8:30 pm Go back to hotel and rest

June 7th Wednesday

- 8:30 am Drive to Eugene City
- 9:30 am Meeting with Eugene City Mayor, Kitty Piercy
- 10:00 am Introduced to the Lane County Commissioners during the regular County Board meeting
- 10:30 am Business Site Tour
- 12:00 pm Lunch with University of Oregon officials at Excelsior
- 1pm-4pm Meetings with University officials
- 6:30 pm Dinner at Rogue Room, Valley River Inn and business presentations.

As organizer Kelly Hoell of Good Company describes the room, "with a gorgeous, panoramic view of the Willamette River with windows on three sides of the room... We would like to highlight the best food and drink the Pacific Northwest has to offer!" and an effort "to show the utmost respect for our guests."

- Josh Skov - Good Company - Sustainable government program, development and market development
- Josh Proudfoot - Good Company - Same
- Rusty Rexius - Rexius - Municipal scale composting and re-vegetation
- Arlen Rexius - Express Blower Soil application equipment
- Ian Hill - Sequential Fuels - Biodiesel and Ethanol production
- Josh Cerra - David Evans and Associates - Sustainable Infrastructure, Engineering and Construction
- Steven Shu, US Representative of the Henan Province, office in Los Angeles, CA
- Guanghong Atman, interpreter - (to be confirmed)
- Anita Asperdt and Robin Hostick, Principals of LandCurrent Landscape

Appetizer: Iced Oregon Crab Cocktail with Classic Cocktail Sauce and Lemon

Salad: Butter Lettuce Salad with crumbled Oregon Blue Cheese, Hazelnuts and Raspberry Vinaigrette

Entree: Broiled Filet Mignon with Blue Cheese Crust and Baked Salmon Filet with Herb Beurre Blanc (comes with a starch and vegetable to be determined)

Dessert: Something light to highlight Oregon fruits like pear, marionberry or blackberry

Wine: Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris from the Willamette Valley

Transportation: 15 passenger van picked up around 2pm at Eugene Airport Enterprise, reservation# 555664 (689-7563 Jason)

June 8th Thursday

- 11:00 am Farewell to the Chinese guests at Portland Airport

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Overview

Marlan Carlson

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This is a relationship that started in 2000 when the OSU Woodwind Quintet did a 3 week tour of China. Included in this tour were 4 days in Zhengzhou, the capitol of Henan Province, China's most populous at about 110 million. Though the Quintet gave concerts and workshops in 6 different cities throughout China, we connected especially well with governmental, Party, arts and educational officials in Zhengzhou. The delegation of 13 people was led by State Representative Barbara Ross.

In the succeeding six years, we've advanced this relationship in several ways:

- a. Three return trips to China during which I conducted the professional Henan Symphony Orchestra in concerts featuring Oregon artists, Alexander Tutunov from SOU, Jay Chen from OSU and the Portland Opera, and Mike Curtis, principal bassoon in the Eugene Symphony Orchestra. During these visits, I have also conducted concerts by the professional symphony orchestras in Shanghai and Tianjin.
- b. Martha Worley from the OSU Art Department was part of the Oregon delegation in 2002 and taught classes at the Henan Arts Academy in Zhengzhou.
- c. While on these trips, our hosts have provided us with many, many opportunities to inter-act with governmental, educational, arts and economic development officials in order to intensify and expand these initial contacts. At the same time, we have developed many close friendships.
- d. All of us have given many presentations and lectures to a broad array of groups, ranging from governmental officials and university students to pre-kindergarten classes.
- e. The 25-member Henan Performance Arts Ensemble featuring Kung Fu, Puppetry and Classical Chinese Music did a week's residency in Corvallis in September of 2002. In addition to their formal concert in LaSells Stewart Center on the OSU campus, they did run-out performances at over 12 elementary and middle schools in the area. An 8-member economic delegation also came to Corvallis for two days. They were presented with a session by CH2M Hill. Receptions were hosted by Barbara Ross, Mayor Helen Berg and OSU President Paul Risser. Peter Leung provided many meals at China Delight, and private funds were used to pay for their motel accommodations.
- f. The Corvallis-OSU Symphony Orchestra featured an er'hu soloist from Henan in its opening concert of the 2002-03 season.