

0.0 2013 China International Cities Cooperation Forum
GENERAL MANAGER Recreation, Culture &
Community Infrastructure

For Decision

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider an invitation received from the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) and the China International Friendship Cities Association (CIFCA) to attend the 2013 China International Cities Cooperation Forum.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No officer declared an interest under the Local Government Act 1989 in the preparation of this report.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

This report is consistent with Latrobe 2026: The Community Vision for Latrobe Valley and the Latrobe City Council Plan 2013-2017.

Latrobe 2026: The Community Vision for Latrobe Valley

Strategic Objectives - Culture

In 2026, Latrobe Valley celebrates the diversity of heritage and cultures that shape our community, with activities and facilities that support the cultural vitality of the region.

Latrobe City Council Plan 2013 - 2017

Theme and Objectives

Theme 4: Advocacy For and Consultation with our Community

- Strengthen the profile of Latrobe City as one of four major regional cities.
- To advocate for and support cooperative relationships between business, industry and the community.

Strategic Direction

Establish a strong image and brand for Latrobe City as one of Victoria's four major regional cities.

Strategy – Latrobe City International Relations Plan 2011-2014

Key Objectives:

1. **COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES** – To further enhance the Latrobe City community’s understanding of the value of our International Relations Program.
2. **INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT** - To continue to promote Latrobe City as an international investment location.
3. **ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL STRENGTHS** - To market the economic and cultural strengths of Latrobe City internationally.
4. **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** - To enthusiastically promote Latrobe City as a destination for international students.
5. **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** – To expand and make accessible the range of existing cultural, sporting, educational and youth exchange opportunities for the residents of Latrobe City.
6. **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES** - To pursue funding assistance opportunities that will facilitate meeting the objectives of the International Relations Plan.
7. **SISTER CITIES** – To develop, nurture and further enhance our relationship with sister cities.
8. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** - To positively engage with individual groups and organisations for the benefit of the Latrobe City community.

BACKGROUND

Latrobe City Council has received an invitation from the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) and the China International Friendship Cities Association (CIFCA) to attend the 2013 China International Cities Cooperation Forum to be held in Changchun, Jilin Province, China from 5-8 September 2013.

ISSUES

The theme for the Forum is “Changing Growth Model, Adjusting Economic Structure and Pursuing Further Development” and invitations are extended to Ministers, Governors, Mayors from China and abroad and heads of enterprises.

The forum provides the opportunity to discuss various issues concerning city development and provides a platform for cities to exchange views so as to enhance exchanges and cooperation between friendship cities of China and other countries.

Although the invitation is dated 14 June 2013, it was faxed to Council by a City of Taizhou representative on 6 August 2013. At the time of being sent to Latrobe City, the City of Taizhou also suggested that this visit could coincide with the opening of the Australia Garden in Taizhou. As the 2013 China International Cities Cooperation Forum is to be held in Changchun, Jilin Province, China from 5-8 September 2013, this leaves little time to adequately consider the invitation and moreover, to make arrangements should Council accept the invitation.

FINANCIAL, RISK AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

Risk has been considered as part of this report and it is considered to be consistent with the Risk Management Plan 2011-2014.

Officers have been advised that should Council accept the invitation and send representatives to the Forum, the inland cost (up to 3 people) will be covered by the Chinese Government. However, there will be additional travel costs borne by Council such as airfares that have not been included in the 2013/14 budget.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

OPTIONS

Council has the following options in regard to the invitation that has been received to attend the 2013 China International Cities Cooperation Forum:

1. Acknowledge receipt of the invitation and write to the President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), the China International Friendship Cities Association (CIFCA) and the City of Taizhou advising that Latrobe City Council representatives will not be in attendance at the 2013 China International Cities Cooperation Forum.
2. Acknowledge receipt of the invitation and write to the President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), the China International Friendship Cities Association (CIFCA) and the City of Taizhou advising that Latrobe City Council representatives will be in attendance at the 2013 China International Cities Cooperation Forum.
3. Request further information in regards to the invitation.

CONCLUSION

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Attachments

1. Invitation - 2013 China International Cities Cooperation Forum

RECOMMENDATION

1. **That Council acknowledges the invitation and write to the President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), the China International Friendship Cities Association (CIFCA) and the City of Taizhou advising that Latrobe City Council representatives will not be in attendance at the 2013 China International Cities Cooperation Forum.**



中国人民对外友好协会

THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES



中国国际友好城市联合会

CHINA INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CITIES ASSOCIATION

June 14, 2013

Invitation to 2013 China International Cities Cooperation Forum

Dear Sir/Madame,

First of all, on behalf of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) and the China International Friendship Cities Association (CIFCA) and in my own name, I'd like to express high respect and sincere thanks to the local government officials of various countries and representatives of international friendship-city organizations who have, over the years, made unremitting efforts and great contributions to the development of international friendship cities.

I am pleased to inform you that 2013 China International Cities Cooperation Forum will be held in Changchun, Jilin Province from September 5th to 8th this year. The theme of the forum is "Changing Growth Model, Adjusting Economic Structure and Pursuing Further Development". Ministers, governors and mayors from China and abroad, and heads of world top 500 enterprises will be invited and present at the forum.

This forum will discuss various issues concerning city development. We try to provide a platform for cities to exchange views so as to promote city development and enhance exchanges and cooperation between friendship cities of China and other countries.

I look forward to meeting you in Changchun.

Yours sincerely,

Li Xiaolin
President
CPAFFC & CIFCA

Program Schedule

Sep. 5 (Thursday)

08:00-22:00 Registration (Sheraton Changchun Jingyuetan Hotel)

18:00 Buffet Dinner

Sep. 6 (Friday)

09:30-10:00 Heading for the venue of the 9th China-Northeast Asia
Investment and Trade Expo (NEASIAEXPO)

10:00-12:00 Visiting the venue of NEASIAEXPO

12:30 Buffet Lunch

14:00-14:30 Meeting with Leaders of Jilin Province

14:30-15:00 Opening Ceremony of 2013 China International Cities
Cooperation Forum

15:00-15:10 Newly-Twinned Friendship Cities Signing Ceremony

15:10-15:30 Tea Break

15:30-18:00 Theme Forum

15:30-16:20 Theme Forum: China's Urbanization Requires Global
Perspective and Experiences

16:20-17:10 Theme Forum: Economic Development and City
Planning in the Context of Globalization

17:10-18:00 Theme Forum: City Integrated Function and City
Positioning

19:00-20:00 Reception

Sep. 7 (Saturday)

09:30-11:00 Parallel Session 1: Dialogue Between Mayors and
Entrepreneurs

09:30-11:00 Parallel Session 2: Business Development: Innovation
and Transformation

09:30-11:00 Parallel Session 3: Role of Intelligent Environmental
Protection in Urbanization

09:30-11:00 Cities and Business Promotion of Jilin Province

12:00 Buffet Lunch

13:30-15:30 Promotion of International Cities' Project

15:40-17:40 International Industrial Chain Fair

18:00 Buffet Dinner

Sep. 8 (Sunday)

Departure

中国人民对外友好协会 中国国际友好城市联合会

附件一

2013 中国国际城市合作论坛邀请函

尊敬的 协会：
尊敬的 先生（女士）：

首先，我谨代表中国人民对外友好协会和中国国际友好城市联合会，并以我本人的名义，向长期以来为国际友城事业的发展做出不懈努力和巨大贡献的各国地方政府和友好组织代表表示崇高敬意和衷心感谢。

我高兴地告诉各位朋友，2013 中国国际城市合作论坛将于今年 9 月 5 日至 8 日在长春举办。本届论坛的主题为“转方式、调结构、谋发展”。参会代表主要为各国政府部长、省市市长、世界 500 强企业领导。

本届论坛将探讨城市发展中的热点难点以及应对策略，旨在为友好城市搭建国际交流与互动平台，以推动世界各国城市发展和国际友好城市间交流与合作。

请接受我们诚挚的邀请！

中国人民对外友好协会会长
中国国际友好城市联合会会长



2013 年 6 月 14 日

附件二

日 程

9月5日

08:00-22:00 注册(长春净月潭益田喜来登酒店)

18:00 自助晚餐

9月6日

09:30-10:00 前往东博会展馆

10:00-12:00 参会嘉宾巡馆

12:30 自助午餐

14:00-14:30 吉林省领导会见

14:30-15:00 论坛开幕式

15:00-15:10 友好城市签约仪式

15:10-15:30 茶歇

15:30-18:00 主题演讲

15:30-16:20 主题演讲: 中国城镇化发展需要国际视野、
世界智慧16:20-17:10 主题演讲: 全球化时代的城市经济发展与
城市规划

17:10-18:00 主题演讲: 城市整体功能与城市定位

19:00-20:00 酒会

9月7日

09:30-11:00 平行论坛 1:市长与企业家对话会

09:30-11:00 平行论坛 2:企业创新转型中的共同发展

09:30-11:00 平行论坛 3:智能环保在城镇化进程中的作用

09:30-11:00 吉林省城市推介暨企业对接会

12:00 自助午餐

13:30-15:30 国际城市项目推介会

15:40-17:40 国际产业链洽谈会

18:00 自助晚餐

9月8日 返程