



**Sister City Agreement**  
*between*  
**San Antonio, Texas, United States of America**  
*and*  
**Baguio, Philippines**



Building on the Friendship City Agreement signed October 21, 2022, by Ron Nirenberg, Mayor of San Antonio, and Benjamin Magalong, Mayor of Baguio, and seeking to further consolidate and develop mutual cooperation and to strengthen the understanding and friendship between the peoples of the two cities, and in accordance with the regulations of Sister Cities International, initiated by the President of the United States in 1956, the City of San Antonio, Texas, USA, and the City of Baguio, Philippines, have reached agreement to convert their Friendship City relationship to a Sister City relationship as a continuation of the partnership between both cities through the below activities:

Both parties agree to further strengthen exchanges and to expand cooperation and promote friendship between the peoples of both cities and carry out various activities.

1. Both parties will make joint efforts to promote economic collaboration and bilateral trade and to enhance bilateral exchange and cooperation in the fields of, but not limited to, the following.
  - a) Economic and Tourism – to explore the feasibility of expanding business ventures/business information-sharing as well as tourism exchange, and creative industry exchanges
  - b) Health Care – to explore best practices in medicine to enhance tactics, techniques, and procedures
  - c) Education – to explore educational best practices and possible exchanges
  - d) Social and Cultural – to explore best practices in heritage site preservation, culture and arts promotion, and annual event management to include major festivals in both cities
  - e) Ecology and Sustainability – to explore best practices in park management and environmental and sustainability topics
  - f) Military and Emergency Management – to explore best practices in humanitarian and disaster relief operations, to review Emergency Operations Center SOPs, and to search for potential collaborative synergies between Joint Base San Antonio and Philippine Military Academy for the benefit of local communities
2. It is decided by both parties that the Global Engagement Office, Economic Development Department of the City of San Antonio and the City Tourism and Special Events Office of Baguio City will conduct concrete liaisons, arrangements and implementation of the exchange and cooperation programs between the two cities on behalf of its respective

municipal government, while including other departments and community partners as appropriate.

3. As for the matters not mentioned in the Agreement, the two municipal governments will decide upon them through friendly negotiation under the conditions of mutual understanding and friendship.

This Agreement is an expression of cooperative relations or outline of intent and understanding only. It neither establishes a joint venture, partnership, or any other business between the parties, nor does it commit or obligate either party to take any of the actions contemplated by this Agreement. Also, it is not intended to create any legal obligations under domestic or international law between the parties.

In witness whereof, authorized representatives of the respective parties hereto sign this Agreement in two original copies, duplicated both in English and Filipino, each text being equally authentic.

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**Name**  
Mayor of San Antonio

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Benjamin Magalong  
Mayor of Baguio

July 13, 2023