

DS060 - Letter to Mayor Clune requesting invitation from Linfen Council

Dear Mayor Jerry Clune,

Greetings!

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the international sister city relationship between Linfen City, Shanxi Province, China, and Geraldton City, Australia, I, on behalf of the Linfen Municipal People's Government and all its citizens, extend our sincere greetings to your city. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the profound exchanges and cooperation in the fields of economy, trade, culture, and tourism over the past decade.

Since officially becoming sister cities on October 10, 2015, both cities have consistently adhered to the principle of "mutual benefit and common development," and have jointly promoted numerous collaborative projects. For instance, the jointly established "China-Australia Connectivity" cross-border online platform has built an efficient commercial bridge for enterprises from both regions. Significant achievements have also been made in areas such as mining development, agricultural technology, and tourism promotion.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary and to plan the blueprint for future cooperation, Linfen City plans to organize a delegation to visit Geraldton City in 2025. We hope to engage in discussions around topics such as economic and trade cooperation, cultural tourism, and sustainable development.

To this end, we sincerely hope that your city could issue an official invitation letter for the Linfen delegation to facilitate our travel arrangements and visa processing. If agreeable, we suggest scheduling the visit between May and July 2025, with specific dates to be further discussed with your side.

We firmly believe that this visit will write a new chapter in the friendship between our two cities and inject new momentum into the economic and social development of both sides. Linfen City also looks forward to exploring more cooperation opportunities with Geraldton City under the framework of the "Belt and Road" initiative in the future.

Looking forward to your favorable reply! Wishing Geraldton City prosperity and success!

Sincerely,

Li Ruiyu
Director of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Linfen Municipal People's Government
February 21, 2025

尊敬的 Jerry Clune 市长：

您好！

值此中国山西省临汾市与澳大利亚杰拉尔顿市缔结国际友好城市关系十周年之际，我谨代表临汾市人民政府及全市人民，向贵市致以诚挚的问候，并对过去十年间双方在经贸、文化、旅游等领域的深度交流合作表示衷心感谢！

自 2015 年 10 月 10 日正式结为友城以来，两市始终秉持“互利共赢、共同发展”的宗旨，携手推进了多项合作。例如，双方共同建设的“中澳联通”跨境线上平台，为两地企业搭建了高效的商贸桥梁；在矿业开发、农业技术、旅游推广等领域也取得了显著成果。

为庆祝两市缔结十周年、规划未来合作蓝图，临汾市计划于 2025 年组织代表团访问杰拉尔顿市，围绕经贸合作、文化旅游、可持续发展等议题展开友好探讨。

为此，我方诚挚希望贵市能为临汾市代表团出具正式访问邀请函，以便我们推进行程安排与签证办理。若蒙允准，我方建议访问时间定于 2025 年 5 月至 7 月期间，具体日程可与贵方进一步协商。

我们深信，此次访问将续写两市友谊新篇章，并为双方经济社会发展注入新动力。临汾市亦期待未来与杰拉尔顿市在“一带一路”倡议框架下探索更多合作机遇。

盼复佳音！顺祝杰拉尔顿市繁荣昌盛！

此致

敬礼！

临汾市人民政府外事办公室主任李睿煜

2025 年 2 月 21 日