

Sister City and Strategic Partnerships of CGG

	Japan	China		
International Relationships	Sister City	Sister City	Strategic Partner City	Strategic Partner City
International Cities	Kosai City, Shizuoka Prefecture	Zhanjiang City, Guangdong province	Zhoushan City, Zhejiang province	Linfen City Shanxi province
Time Established	1998 (D-21-040709)	2013 (D-13-68588)	2014 (D-15-14054)	2015 (D-15-66587)
Contribution to the City's Policy and Strategies		Council Policy 2.2 Establishing International Relations	Council Policy 2.2 Establishing International Relations This partnership is strategically established under the sister state relationship between WA and Zhejiang Province.	Council Policy 2.2 Establishing International Relations
Key interactions/cooperations and outcomes	In August 2011, Mayor Mikami, two councillors from Kosai City and a group of Japanese students visited Geraldton. The City of Greater Geraldton (CGG) organised a meeting and welcome lunch for the delegation.	A CGG delegation visited Zhanjiang in 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017, and 2018	A CGG delegation visited Zhoushan and attended the International Islands Tourism Conference in Zhoushan City to promote tourism and trade opportunities in the Midwest region in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. Through meeting and networking with Chinese travel agencies during the conferences and Expos, the CGG has developed a wide network in China to promote our tourism product. By leveraging these networks, the CGG promoted the region and also enabled local tourism operators to directly sell their products through the China Connect website and Chinese online tourism platforms.	A CGG delegation visited Linfen in 2015, 2016 ,2017 and 2018
	In Oct 2012, members of the Society and a student visited Kosai City.	The CGG received delegation visit from Zhanjiang in 2013 and 2014	The CGG received delegations from Zhoushan in 2012, 2014 and 2019	The CGG received delegation visit from Linfen in 2013, 2017 and 2019
	In Aug 2013, a group of 11 Japanese students visited the CGG for 5 days. The CGG organised homestay accommodation for the students.	Zhanjiang Bu Tian Xia (Global Roaming) Outdoor Club organized a travel group to Geraldton for a self-drive tour in 2017. This was jointly organised between ZhanJiang and CGG Tourism.	The CGG facilitated an Australia China Youth Basketball Game, with 22 Geraldton young athletes, 22 parents and two coaches visiting Shanghai Zhoushan and Beijing in 2014.	China Connect website was established to promote tourism and trade between Linfen and the CGG. A Letter of Intert was signed between CGG and Linfen City in 2018 regarding China Connect project development. (D-18-086580)
		Zhanjiang City invited Geraldton to participate in an Youth Online Arts Exhibition in 2020. The CGG contacted local schools , but due to a low response, the exhibition did not take place.	A Sister School relationship was established between Geraldton Grammar School and Zhoushan Putuo No.2 School in 2014. The Geraldton Grammar School has developed Mandarin curriculum since the relationship was formed in 2014. The two schools developed student exchange programs in 2015, 2016 and 2017, with between 10 to 20 students participating each year. In addition, a Chinese father and son have relocated to Geraldton from (Guangdong province in China). The son is enrolled in the Geraldton Grammar School as an international student.	
Current Status	The key driver of this relationship is the Geraldton-Greenough Japan-Australia Society of (GGJAS). The GGJAS organised students exchange between Geraldton and Kosai City for many years. In Jan 2013, Mr Hajime Mikami, the Mayor of Kosai clarified that Kosai City would like to continue the relationship between the CGG and Kosai on culture and education exchange basis, rather than a full Sister City relationship. The GGJAS thrived in Geraldton in the late nineties, but with decline in membership from about 50 in the late nineties to around 4 to 6 in 2016. There has been no further culture/education change activities between Geraldton and Kosai since 2016.	Correspondence between the Mayors annually at Christmas, Chinese New Year and during the Covid pandemic.	Correspondence between the Mayors annually at Christmas, Chinese New Year and during the Covid pandemic.	Correspondence between the Mayors each year during Christmas and Chinese New Year. Letters of support was exchanged between the Mayors during the Covid pandemic. Linfen City offered to donate face masks when there was a significant local supply shortage.