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Fauquier County to Host Chinese Delegation for Sister-City Signing Ceremony

July 23, 2013 -- On August 8th, 2013, the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Economic Development, will host a delegation visiting from the City of Liyang, China in order to sign a historic "Sister Cities Agreement" at Airlie Center in Warrenton, Virginia .

The County first met with top business leaders and government officials from Liyang in May of 2012 and in September of that year, staff from the Fauquier County Department of Economic Development accompanied an American delegation to Jiangsu Province in China to further discussions of forming a sister-city relationship. The delegation visited the City of Liyang, located in the Province of Jiangsu, where an official ceremony was held involving over 100 Liyang business leaders and government officials. During the ceremony, an Agreement of Intent was signed, by the Mayor of Liyang and officials from Fauquier County, to form a sister-city partnership.

Sister-city relationships build international partnerships for the purpose of cultural and information exchange and for sharing business opportunities between nations. The ceremony hosted by Fauquier County in August will be the official venue for signing the formal sister-city partnership between Liyang and Fauquier. The County will host a ten-member Chinese delegation, Economic Development staff, members of the Washington-China Chamber of Commerce, and county government leaders, including all members of the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors.

Liyang is a city located on the east coast of China, in the Province of Jiangsu, one of the three wealthiest provinces in China. Jimmy Yang, of our own Universal Stones, has been instrumental in facilitating the relationship between Fauquier County and the City of Liyang.