

**Memorandum of Understanding between Fairfax County
of the United States of America and the City of Harbin of the
People's Republic of China on Friendly Exchanges and Cooperation**

The Fairfax County of the United States of America and the City of Harbin of the People's Republic of China, wishing to enhance mutual understanding and friendship between the peoples of the Fairfax County and Harbin, expanding the friendly contacts between the two cities, and promote common prosperity of Fairfax and Harbin, have reached the following agreement on strengthening bilateral ties and promoting friendly exchanges and cooperation in various fields between the two cities as well as the issues of their proposed twinning program.

1. In accordance with the principle equality and mutual benefit, the two sides are willing to keep constant with each other and exchange visits irregularly between the leaders of the two cities in the aim of deepening mutual understanding and consolidating their friendly ties.
2. The two sides will actively carry out exchanges and cooperation in the fields of economy, trade, science and technology, culture, education, sports, health, urban, construction, environmental protection, tourism, etc.
3. The two sides will designate their respective departments and contact persons to be responsible for the liaison work between the two cities so as to facilitate their mutual exchanges and cooperation.
4. In order to further strengthening the friendly ties with each other and developing exchanges and cooperation in various fields, the two sides agree to devote their efforts to the establishment of a long-term friendship relationship between them and both will strive to reach the common goal. The two sides also agree to consider, at a time suitable to both sides, to take steps necessary to enter into a twinning, or twin-city, relationship.
5. All actions taken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding by Fairfax County shall comply with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Fairfax County.

The Memorandum of Understanding is signed on March 9th, 2009, Fairfax County, and is done in the English language.

Chairman of the Fairfax County
Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County, Virginia

Executive Deputy Mayor of Harbin, China

