

# San Jose



## Sister Cities Program

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# San Jose's Sister Cities

**Okayama, Japan – 1957**

**San Jose, Costa Rica – 1961**

**Veracruz, Mexico – 1975**

**Tainan, Taiwan – 1977**

**Dublin, Ireland – 1986**

**Pune, India – 1992**

**Ekaterinburg, Russia - 1992**

# Selecting a Sister City

## San Jose's Criteria of Compatibility and Shared Vision for a Sister City Linkage

- **Population**
- **Colleges/Universities**
- **Arts & Cultural Institutions**
- **Community Organizations**
- **Opportunity to Develop Economic Development and Tourism Linkages**
- **Demonstrated Community Support**

# **Economic Development in Today's Sister City Relationships**

**Economic Development is the driving force behind  
many of today's new Sister City relationships**

**“Our relationship with the U.S., and the San  
Jose/Silicon Valley area in particular, will be vital  
to the achievement of the goal to be recognized  
as the land of saints, scholars and scientists”**

**Prime Minister Bertie Ahern  
March 14, 2006 in San Jose**

# Role of Sister City Committee

- **Plan and Implement Community Sister City Programs**
- **Community Involvement and Outreach**
- **Work with Counterpart Citizen Committee in the Sister City**
- **Raise Funds to Support the Sister City Linkage**

# Role of the City

- **Linkage with Municipal Government and other Government Authorities in the Sister City**
- **Facilitate/Promote Community Involvement**
- **Support Role in Hosting Sister City Delegations**
- **Provide Supplemental Funding to Sister City Committees**



# Pune, India

- **Business Meetings with Silicon Valley Technology Companies and Entrepreneurs**
- **Sister City Committee Participation and Sponsorship of Business Seminars in India**
- **Involve Community and Schools in Humanitarian Projects in Pune**
- **Key Recruiting Region for San Jose State University**

# Dublin, Ireland

**Economic Development was the Foundation of  
the Sister City Relationship Established in 1986**

**“The most obvious, and possibly the most important,  
feature of the Sister City relationship has been in the  
technology sector.”**

**Prime Minister Bertie Ahern  
March 14, 2006  
in San Jose on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the Sister City linkage**

# Forging Sister City Connections for Mutual Economic, Cultural and Civic Benefit



**San Jose Delegation with Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern and Dublin Lord Mayor Vincent Jackson in Dublin  
– September 2006**

# Dublin Sister City Relationship

- **Strong Sister City Committees in San Jose and Dublin**
- **Involvement by Businesses**
- **Chamber of Commerce Linkage**
- **University and Educational Collaboration**
- **Support and Active Involvement by Dublin and San Jose Municipal Governments**

# Sister City Economic Linkages Strengthen Cultural and Educational Ties

- **Dublin Youth Symphony/San Jose Youth Symphony Concerts and Exchanges**
- **Abbey/Repertory Theatre Exchange**
- **Westbury/Fairmont Hotel Chef exchange**
- **Ireland/Northern California Boxing Tournament**
- **San Jose State University/University College Dublin Partnership**
- **Sister School Relationship Under Development**



# International Economic Partnerships

- **Forge Connections with City/Regions Globally for Mutually Economic Benefit**
- **Official / Unofficial Partnerships with City/Regions**
- **A Partnership Not Recognized by Another Body/Organization**
- **Negotiated Economic Agreement**
- **East England**
- **Finland – Espoo, Oulu, Helsinki**

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