

Foreign Affairs Office of the People's Government of Qingdao

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Response letter regarding fostering friendship between Huangdao District of Qingdao and Shire of Roebourne

Chinese Consulate-General in Perth:

First and foremost, thank you Consul General Yutong Liu and the Consulate General for your interest and support to Qingdao!

After receiving your faxed letter regarding establishment of sister city relationship between Shire of Roebourne of Western Australia and our port city on October 7, our office took it as a matter of great importance and immediately contacted Huangdao District Government, who has the jurisdiction over the district where our port is located. We strongly recommend the fostering of friendly relationship between the district and Shire of Roebourne.

Huangdao District Government conducted a careful study on the Shire of Roebourne and it had enquired your good office several times about its condition. Currently, Huangdao District Government officially asked me to make a reply that they are willing to carry out friendly exchanges and establish friendly relationship at the appropriate time with the Shire of

Roebourne of Western Australia. They hoped to communicate with the Shire of Roebourne regarding port shipping of iron ore and other matters of mutual interest in order to carry out substantive exchanges and cooperation.

We believe that establishment of friendly relationship between Huangdao District and Shire of Roebourne has a very positive meaning to friendly exchanges and pragmatic cooperation to both parties as well as to Qingdao City and Western Australia. Hence, we hope that the Consulate General can help promote the process of friendship formation between our city's Huangdao District and the Shire of Roebourne. May we request the Shire of Roebourne to give us a letter of intent on establishment of friendly relationship with Huangdao from its shire council and the overall status of the shire as soon as possible, so that our city can submit the application for establishment of friendly relation to the Foreign Affairs Office of Shandong.

Again, thanks to the Consulate General for the support and help you have extended to Qingdao. We sincerely welcome Consul General Yutong Liu and every consular officer for visiting Qingdao and providing us guidance.

Attachment: Summary on the Status of Huangdao

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Attachment

Summary on the Status of Huangdao

Huangdao is located in the west coast of Jiaozhou Bay, it is bordered on the south by the Yellow Sea, and it faces South Korea and Japan across the sea. It has a land area of 2,096 square kilometers, sea area of about 5,700 square kilometers, coastline of about 282 kilometers, and a population of 1.71 million people. The district has obvious geographical advantages and transportation is convenient, Qingdao Liuting International Airport is approximately 30 km from Huangdao District, it is only 30 minutes away from the main city of Qingdao via cross-sea bridge and only 10 minutes via undersea tunnel. The district has an environment suitable for residential living, basic infrastructure that is very environmentally friendly, abundant supply of high-quality human resources and strong industrial foundation. It has more than 30,000 companies, including more than 5,000 foreign-invested companies, over 80 investment projects from top 500 global companies. It has become the new industrial system for advanced manufacturing, modern service, and modern agriculture. It has established an Industrial agglomeration zone for manufacturers of home appliance, petrochemical, metallurgy, marine engineering equipment, textile machinery, mechanical equipment and trolley, marine biology, new energy source, mining machinery, etc.

Huangdao has an excellent natural harbor and port facilities. The Qingdao Port, located in Huangdao, is the world's seventh largest port, and China's second largest foreign-trade port. Established in 1892, it currently employs over 24,000 people, and it is comprised of four big ports, namely the Old Qingdao Port, Huangdao Oil Port, New Qianwan Port, and Dongjiakou Port. It is primarily engaged in international passenger service and logistics services such as storage, transshipment, distribution, and packing/unpacking of crude oil, iron ore, coal, grain, and other import/export goods in a container. It has established trading relationship with over 450 ports in more than 130 countries and regions worldwide. The State Council named it as the big modern integrated port and the international shipping hub of Northeast Asia. In 2012, Qingdao port handled a throughput of 406.9 million tons and 14.503 million TEU containers. Its throughput for imported crude oil ranks first among China's ports, and its efficiency remains to be the first in the world when it comes to container packing/unpacking and unloading of iron ore from the ship.

Qianwan Port handles 80 % of the throughput; it became the big modern, multi-functional, and efficient trading and logistics center primarily for ore, coal, and container transport. The Dongjiakou Port which is still under construction is China's bulk cargo distribution center and an important energy storage and transportation center, it is designed to contain 112 berths with annual throughput of 370 million tons, and it can accommodate the world's current largest 400,000-ton ore carrier. In 2012, the throughput of iron ore in Dongjiakou Port was 30.06 million tons, and it reached a throughput of 40 million tons from January to August of 2013, it was expected to reach a total throughput of 70 million tons within the year.