

PARTNER STATE PROGRAM



The Partner State Program serves Iowans by upholding the State of Iowa's seven official international relationships through civilian, government, and economic connections.

DEFINITION OF PROGRAM & OVERVIEW OF RELATIONSHIPS

The Partner State Program oversees Iowa's seven partner state relationships. A partner state is a foreign territory (state-equivalent or country) that participates in a commitment with Iowa to be friendly partners. The association between Iowa and a region begins organically through citizen diplomacy, and advances to a government level when there is mutual interest between administrations. The partnership is established by the governments via a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that details the purpose behind the partnership and the fields of intended cooperation.

Partner state MOU agreements are signed by the Governor of Iowa and the respective leader of the partner region at the time of the partnership's founding. Over the years, the partner state's leaders and their respective staff/citizens are responsible for recognizing, enjoying, and maintaining the partner state relationship. Leaders may sign updated MOU agreements over time to symbolize their present commitment to the relationship, and to make any applicable amendments.

Overall, Iowa's Partner State Program exists to serve Iowans by providing opportunities to further civilian's engagement with the world in cultural and economic capacities.



PROGRAM COORDINATION

The Partner State Program is overseen by the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) Global Business Team where the government and economic aspects of the program are directly housed. The Iowa International Center works with IEDA and serves as a cultural collaborator for the program, overseeing citizen diplomacy activities. Get Involved!

All Iowans are welcome to take part in the Partner State Program. Learn more about the program by expressing your interest in volunteering and/or receiving email newsletters.

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IOWA'S PARTNER STATES

- Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan (1960)
- Yucatán State, Mexico (1965)
- Hebei Province, China (1983)
- Taiwan (1989)
- Cherkasy Oblast, Ukraine (1996)
- Veneto Region, Italy (1997)
- Kosovo (2013)

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AREAS OF PARTNERSHIP

- Agriculture
- Education
- Business & Investment
- Professional Training
- Science
- Sport
- Tourism

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