



**The Co-operation Agreement between the City of Palmerston North, the  
Manawatu Region of New Zealand**

**and**

**the City of Hefei of P. R. China**

The City of Palmerston North, in the Manawatu Region of New Zealand and the City of Hefei, in Anhui Province of the People's Republic of China, have agreed to cooperate on the areas in which both sides are interested in accordance with the Communiqué of Establishing Diplomatic Relations between New Zealand and China through friendly negotiation. The Manawatu Region which Palmerston North is part of, will also be included. The first area for co-operation is in the field of Education. This co-operation agreement will endeavor to do the following:

1. Lay the foundation for understanding and friendship.
2. Strengthen the co-operation that has already commenced in the education sector.
3. Encourage and grow the contact between education facilities, such as full-primary, middle and high schools, colleges, polytechnics and the universities.
4. Increase opportunities for students, teachers and other staff. Some examples of this include:
  - Schools from both sides establishing friendly relationship, learning from each other, regularly conducting online and offline activities such as mutual visits of teachers and students, summer (winter) camps, exchanges on education scientific research etc.
  - Schools from both sides sending tutors to teach English/Chinese, exchanging students with each other.
5. As the co-operation grows, more education facilities further afield may be included under this agreement.

6. Other activities such as language promotion, educational cooperation, overseas students recommendation, will be organized by mutual discussions with educational departments of the cities and regions and specific education institutions.
7. The educational departments, and related educational facilities of the cities and regions will keep in touch with each other to exchange information and collaborate on projects in which both sides are interested.
8. Once the education co-operation is well underway, the city and representatives may discuss other areas for potential co-operation, thus reinforcing the friendship, economic growth and social progress between the cities and region(s).
9. The areas for further co-operation will be mutually decided but could include one or more of the following: sports, recreation, arts, culture, tourism, commerce, trade, environmental protection, transport, logistics, science, technology and so on.

\* A representative of The City Council of Palmerston North will sign this agreement and the Municipal Foreign Affairs Office will sign on behalf of the City of Hefei.

\* This Co-operation Agreement is signed on the <sup>30<sup>th</sup></sup> Date <sup>9<sup>th</sup></sup> Month, 2021.  
There will be 2 original copies for each city, one in Chinese and one in English.

**For Palmerston North**

**For Hefei of**

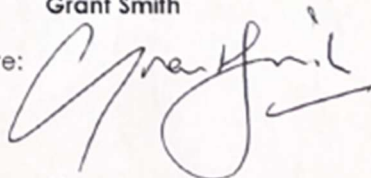
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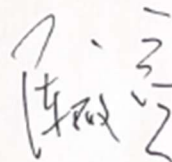
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