

MEMORANDUM

ON THE FURTHERANCE OF A FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE PROVINCE OF SICHUAN OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

This memorandum is subsequent to the friendship agreement between the State of Michigan and the Province of Sichuan signed on 9 November 1982.

The State of Michigan and the Province of Sichuan continue to enjoy friendly relations and are further strengthening their bond of friendship and mutual understanding through expanding relations in industry and agriculture, economic activities and trade, science and technology, culture and education, sports and health, travel and tourism, hydroelectric and other energy technology, and other fields.

At the invitation of the Sichuan Provincial Peoples Government, a Michigan State Government Delegation headed by Governor James J. Blanchard and a Michigan Trade Delegation headed by former Ambassador Leonard Woodcock, Chairman of the Governor's Commission on China, paid a friendly visit to Sichuan Province from June 8-13, 1984.

In Beijing, Acting Premier Wan Li met the Governor's delegation and encouraged the continuation and further development of the friendship relationship between Michigan and Sichuan.

In Sichuan, the delegation was warmly welcomed by the Sichuan Provincial Peoples Government and citizens from all walks of life.

It is noted that several plans of mutual benefit have been successfully realized, including cooperative manufacturing ventures, cultural exchanges, imports and exports of diverse goods, and educational exchanges. These successful projects have been complemented by a continuous exchange of friendly delegations from all walks of life who have freely discussed ideas and views and enriched people-to-people understanding.

I. In order to further the friendly cooperation between the Province and the State, we agree that both sides will designate responsible personnel to organize three working groups for economics and trade, agriculture, and education, culture and science. Demonstrations, exchanges, and symposia will be encouraged in each of the three areas. The working groups will meet as needed.

II. We agree to extend preferential treatment to each other and to each other's departments, enterprises, and other entities in all areas covered by the Agreement of 1932 and this Memorandum.

III. We agree to take new initiatives to encourage economic and technical cooperation including direct investment and all forms of cooperative commerce between the departments, enterprises, and other entities of Sichuan and Michigan. Such initiatives would include priority notification and access to opportunities in technical exchange, commerce, and trade, where comparable opportunities might exist with another partner. This would include all possible efforts to locate representative banking and other financial agencies within each other's respective jurisdictions. They would also include explorations of countertrade possibilities, and expeditious procedures pertaining to travel, customs, banking, taxes, and transportation. The Sichuan Department of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade and the Michigan Department of Commerce shall be the primary points of contact for the exchange of trade information.

IV. We agree to take new initiatives in agricultural exchange, including long term cooperative projects, demonstrations, and training in animal husbandry, genetic engineering, food processing and preservation, and other areas of mutual benefit.

V. We aggressively seek to expand access to bilateral educational cultural and scientific exchange opportunities, especially in higher education and research and strengthen the principles of reciprocity and mutual benefit in such opportunities.


VI. We agree to continue to maintain regular contacts between officials of the Michigan State Government and The Sichuan Provincial Government concerning all areas of cooperation and exchange.

If any article of this memorandum exceeds the domestic legal


authority of either party, the parties shall, by mutual consent, amend that article, or the article shall be suspended.

This agreement is signed at Chengdu, Sichuan, 12 June 1984 and is effective from the date of the signing.

This agreement is done in duplicate in the English and Chinese both texts being equally authentic.



GOVERNOR  
PROVINCE OF SICHUAN  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA



GOVERNOR  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Agreement Between Michigan Department of Natural  
Resources, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, USA,  
Sichuan Forestry Department and Sichuan Wildlife  
Conservation Association

The important friendship that was established by the Shanghai  
Communique between China and the United States has developed  
into a significant partnership between the sister states of  
Sichuan and Michigan in the natural resource area. To further  
this mutual beneficial relationship this agreement has been  
developed in Chengdu during the special meeting of represen-  
tatives of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR),  
Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), Sichuan Forestry  
Department (SFD) and Sichuan Wildlife Conservation Association  
(SWCA).

With this agreement the people of Michigan through MDNR and  
MUCC will initiate efforts to develop support for the Panda  
rescue and conservation effort and SFD and SWCA will cooper-  
ate in providing support for the Michigan pheasant program.  
More specifically the agreement provides for the following:

MDNR in cooperative with MUCC will provide support for the  
Panda rescue and conservation efforts by:

1. Soliciting contributions to the Adopt a Panda program

which was launched by Governor Blanchard with a personal contribution just before the Michigan Mission departed. These moneys will be donated to the Panda rescue effort.

2. An exchange program of visiting Sichuan and especially the Panda activities will be explored and planned as soon as possible with the requirement of participator being a major contribution (perhaps 10,000\$ US per person) to the Panda rescue effort. The MDNR will move rapidly to explore and organize the individual interests and work with SFD in making all plans for 1 or 2 group per year with 10-15 participants.

3. MDNR will provide a graduate study for an individual from SFD to study wildlife management for up to 2 years at Michigan State University. DNR with the help of MSU will cover all incountry expenses (appropriately \$10,000 one year).

4. MDNR and MUCC will continue to give major visibility to the Panda rescue and conservation effort and maintain communication with SFD and SWCA. SFD and SWCA hope that additional urgently needed equipment such as transportation and laboratory equipment can be continually provided for the Panda conservation and rescue.

SFD and SWCA will support the Michigan pheasant program effort by:

1. Supporting the convenience for pheasant research

program in Sichuan from May to June, 1987 for 2 Michigan biologists from MDNR. All expenses will be covered by MDNR.

2. Providing the opportunity for the collection of additional pheasant eggs from as broad an ecological environment as possible. It is agreed that 2000 eggs will be provided during 1988 and the application will be sent to the Departments concerned for approval. MDNR and MUCC hope to discuss further possibility of providing additional eggs for the Michigan pheasant program.

3. Supporting the hopeful successful request for a visiting of the Pandas to Michigan. It is understood that such a request must be approved by the China Government.

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Representative of MUCC, US.



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