

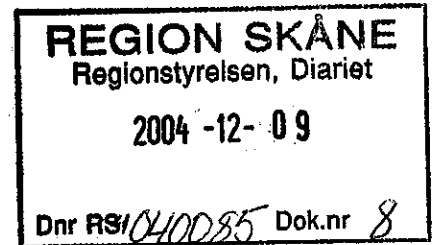
**Joint Statement on Strengthening Sister Province Relationship**

**between**

**Province of Guangdong, People's Republic of China**

**and**

**Region Skåne, Kingdom of Sweden**



The Province of Guangdong, the People's Republic of China, represented by Governor Mr Huang Huahua and Region Skåne, the Kingdom of Sweden, represented by Chairman of the Regional Executive Board Mr Uno Aldegren, hereby agree, after friendly discussions, to further strengthen cooperation on the basis of the previously concluded Sister Province Relationship Agreement between the Province of Skåne and the Province of Guangdong, dated November 26, 1997, in an effort to develop further a long-term co-operation and to deepen mutual understanding and friendship between Sweden and China.

The two Parties agree on the following:

**Article 1**

Activities within the framework of this Joint Statement shall be carried out in accordance with the Principles of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Sweden and the People's Republic of China and the legislation in the People's Republic of China and the Kingdom of Sweden respectively.

**Article 2**

The two Parties shall make joint efforts to develop the sisterly ties between their people and to promote the bilateral exchanges and co-operation in various fields, including trade, industry and investments, environmental protection, science and technology, education, public health, culture, tourism and sports on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

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### Article 3

The two Parties shall initiate co-operation at provincial and regional administrative level as well as at academic and corporate levels. The collaboration shall start by focusing on developing co-operation in the following sectors:

#### *A. Environmental Protection*

Examples:

Education and training, technical solutions e.g. sustainable construction, business relations and joint projects applicable to the environmental fields, water and waste water treatment, air cleaning programmes and air quality monitoring systems, integrated waste management, energy saving, renewable energy and ecological urban development

#### *B. Hospital care, Public Health and Nutrition*

Examples:

- a) exchanges on strategic planning on highest decision making level as well as within hospital/equivalent.
- b) construction/equipment: planning and implementation thereof.
- c) exchange of experience on structures, processes, patient security, management and education/training for hospitals, non-institutional care and equivalent.

#### *C Education, Science and Technology*

Promotion of exchanges between researchers, students and administrative staff from provincial universities and colleges.

### Article 4

Liaison offices of the two Parties will be:

Swedish side:

Department of Economic Development &  
Innovation  
Region Skåne

Chinese side:

International Relations Division  
Foreign Affairs Office  
Guangdong Province

Representatives of the two liaison offices will review the implementation of ongoing co-operation once a year by exchange of letters.

## Article 5

On the initiative of either Party and after having consulted with each other, the two Parties shall meet to discuss new fields of co-operation and projects. The compilation of each delegation and the agenda of the meeting shall be decided after consultation between the two Parties. Each Party will pay its own costs for journeys to and from the meeting and overnight accommodation in connection with the meeting. The Party hosting the meeting shall be responsible for costs of the meeting arrangements and any study visits within the Party's own region.

Disagreement that might arise due to interpretation or application of this statement shall be resolved through consultation between the Parties.

## Article 6

Done in duplicate in English and Chinese languages, each text being equally authentic, this statement is effective upon the date of signature.


Guangzhou, November 22, 2004.

Chairman, Regional Executive Board of  
Region Skåne



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Uno Aldegren

Governor, the Province of Guangdong



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Huang Hua