

Joint Declaration “Global Regional Exchanges: Handing Down to the Next Generation”

On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the year that this island we call home was renamed Hokkaido, representatives of those regions tied together by bonds of friendship with Hokkaido Prefecture, the Province of Alberta (Canada), the Province of Heilongjiang (People's Republic of China), the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (United States of America), the Province of Sakhalin (Russian Federation), Gyeongsangnam-do (Republic of Korea), the Province of Chiang Mai (Kingdom of Thailand), Jeju Self-Governing Province (Republic of Korea) and the State of Hawaii (United States of America) (hereafter referred to as “Each Region”) gathered in Sapporo City, came together as one around a table, and reached a common understanding on the following agendas:

- Regional exchanges are to build foundations of exchanges between nations, shall lead to the deepening of friendly relations between related nations, and thus shall contribute to world peace.

- Expansion of the population involved in exchanges among regions through tourism and other factors shall contribute to not only the economic development in Each Region, but also to the strengthening of regional exchanges through the promotion of understanding of different cultures, and through international events and internship programs which the Youth can participate in.

- Each Region has a shared duty to foster the Youth responsible for the next generation, and thus it is important to foster a population with global perspective and awareness, as well as to encourage their active participation in regional exchanges.

The Representative of Each Region who participated in the Meeting will honor the shared understanding in the Meeting, will foster people capable of playing a global stage, will be committed to expanding the population involved in various exchanges including economic, tourism, cultural, sports, and Youth exchanges, and will aim to further enhance regional exchanges in Each Region.

We hereby declare to uphold the above-mentioned agendas in Sapporo, Hokkaido, on August 4, 2018.

All Representatives of Participating Regions

at Hokkaido Sister and Affiliated Regions Round Table Meeting