

Lexington Sister Cities Commission Annual Report 2013



YOUTH



◀ Students at Buckingham palace during their exchange to Newmarket, England.

Students visit a castle near County Kildare, Ireland.



- 42 students from 12 different middle and high schools in Lexington participated in the Youth Exchange Programs

- 10 to Japan
- 10 to Ireland
- 10 to England
- 12 to France



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• Participating Schools Included:

- Lafayette – 6 students
- Lexington Catholic – 8 students
- Henry Clay – 12 students
- Woodford County – 3 students
- Tates Creek – 6 students
- Dunbar – 2 students
- Bryan Station – 1 student
- LCA – 1 student
- Montessori Middle – 1 student
- EJ Hayes Middle – 1 student
- Royal Springs Middle – 1 student

• 28 students from our sister cities visited Lexington as part of the student exchange programs.



Students on the Deauville Exchange visit Mont St. Michel.

Students on the Shinhidaka Exchange.



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- Two classes from SCAPA and Deauville Ecole Fracasse participated in an elementary school Skype Video Exchange in February, which included songs performed by both classes in French & English.



Classroom.wmv



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ARTS & CULTURE

• 45 students from 5 different schools entered the Sister Cities Young Artist Competition:

- Lafayette - 16 entries
- Henry Clay - 7 entries
- Bryan Station - 9 entries
- Dunbar - 2 entries
- Lexington Catholic - 12 entries

• 2013 Winners:

- 1st Place - Sara Arthur-Parately (Bryan Station)
- 2nd Place - Honami Amano (Lafayette)
- 3rd Place - Diego Molina (Lafayette)
- Winning Teacher - Marquetta Hensley (Bryan Station)



ARTS & CULTURE

• Lexington Sister Cities set up booths and participated in many local events including:

- St. Patrick's Day Festival
- Kentucky League of Cities Convention
- Human Rights Film Festival
- Kentucky Sister Cities State Meeting
- Boy Scouts of America



EDUCATION



- Two university students from Lexington are participating in the Teaching Assistantship Program in Deauville.
- Two University of Kentucky students are participating in the Maynooth NUI Exchange Program.



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- Four university students from Lexington & five students from France participated in the Calvados Internship program.
- Three students participated in the University of Kentucky/University of Caen Exchange Program.

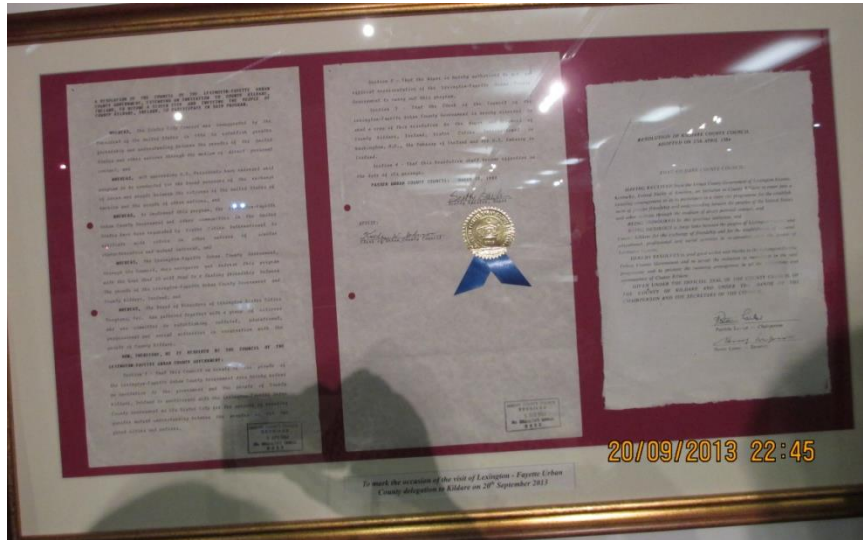


Lexington – Shinhidaka 25th Anniversary of Twinning



- Six delegates, including Mayor of Shinhidaka Yoshihide Sakai, visited Lexington in July to celebrate the 25th anniversary of twinning.
- Mayor Gray & Vice Mayor Gorton presented Mayor Sakai with a Kentucky Colonel to mark the occasion.

Lexington Tourism Mission 2013: Ireland & Wales



- 39 delegates from Lexington visited County Kildare to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Twinning.

- To commemorate the occasion, County Kildare presented the original “Twinning” documents on permanent display in their Town Hall.






Lexington Tourism Mission 2013: Ireland & Wales



The group visits
Kildangan Stud.

County Kildare
Twinning Committee
hosts a dinner for the
delegation from
Lexington. 



ARBORIST EXCHANGE

- John Saylor from the LFUCG participated in an Arborist Exchange with Simon Wallace from the County Kildare Town Hall.
- John visited County Kildare in September and Simon visited Lexington in October.
- Simon has published a piece summarizing his visit in the Arbor magazine, and John's is due out soon.



FUNDRAISING



- 2013 Sister Cities Million Dollar Hole in One Contest

- 2014 dates: August 8-17, Finals August 19

- Lakeside Golf Course

- Halfway to St. Patrick's Day

- 2014 date: October 8

- O'Neill's Irish Pub



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- 1st Annual Sister Cities Golf Scramble
 - 2014 Date: May 20th
- Membership Drive



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2nd Annual

Lexington Sister Cities Golf Scramble

Tuesday, May 20
Connemara Golf Course
11:30 Lunch
1:00 P.M. Shotgun Start



\$400 for foursome \$125 for individual
Entry fee includes: greens fees, cart fees, lunch, 2 drink tickets, and tee gift.

*Proceeds from this event will benefit the
Lexington Sister Cities Program.*

Prizes include:

- Overnight stay and round of golf at French Lick Resort & Spa.
- Golf at Connemara Golf Course
- KU Suite at Lexington Legends Game
- Golf bags from Edwin Watts Golf
- Bourbon Basket from the Lexington Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Golf Accessories from Golf Exchange
- and many more!



For more information, or to become a sponsor, call 859-258-3137
or email Sarah Martin at smartin@lexingtonky.gov

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Lexington Sister Cities Recognized by Sister Cities International

- Lexington Sister Cities received the award for “Best Overall Program” for cities population 100,001-300,000 from Sister Cities International.
- The Best Overall Program awards recognize sister city programs that demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in advancing the goals and mission of the sister cities movement. This award recognizes the overall program, including all sister city partnerships and affiliations.
- Sister Cities International established the Annual Awards Program in 1962 to recognize exceptional sister city programs. Awards are given out to recognize cities who brings international recognition to your community's contributions to the citizen diplomacy movement.
- Lexington Sister Cities previously won this award in:
 - 2011, 2007, 2005, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1989



GLOBAL CITIES INDEX

- A.T. Kearney's Global Cities Index ranks metropolitan areas according to 26 metrics across 5 dimensions:
 - Business Activity (30%)
 - Human Capital (30%)
 - Information Exchange (15%)
 - **Cultural Experience (15%)*****
 - Political Engagement (10%)
- Cultural Experience metrics include:
 - Diverse attractions, number of museums, performing-arts venues, diverse culinary establishments, number of international travelers, and *sister city relationships*.

Figure 1

Top global cities of today, and rising cities of tomorrow

| Global Cities Index | | | | | Emerging Cities Outlook | | |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|-------------------------|----------------|------|
| City | Rank | 2014 | 2012 | 2010 | 2008 | City | Rank |
| New York | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Jakarta | 1 |
| London | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Manila | 2 |
| Paris | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | Addis Ababa | 3 |
| Tokyo | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | São Paulo | 4 |
| Hong Kong | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | New Delhi | 5 |
| Los Angeles | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | Rio de Janeiro | 6 |
| Chicago | 7 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 8 | Bogotá | 7 |
| Beijing | 8 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 12 | Mumbai | 8 |
| Singapore | 9 | 9 | 11 | 8 | 7 | Nairobi | 9 |
| Washington | 10 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 11 | Kuala Lumpur | 10 |
| Brussels | 11 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 13 | Bangalore | 11 |
| Seoul | 12 | 12 | 8 | 10 | 9 | Beijing | 12 |
| Toronto | 13 | 13 | 16 | 14 | 10 | Johannesburg | 13 |
| Sydney | 14 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 16 | Kolkata | 14 |
| Madrid | 15 | 15 | 18 | 17 | 14 | Istanbul | 15 |
| Vienna | 16 | 16 | 13 | 18 | 18 | Cape Town | 16 |
| Moscow | 17 | 17 | 19 | 25 | 19 | Chennai | 17 |
| Shanghai | 18 | 18 | 21 | 21 | 20 | Tunis | 18 |
| Berlin | 19 | 19 | 20 | 16 | 17 | Dhaka | 19 |
| Buenos Aires | 20 | 20 | 22 | 22 | 33 | Caracas | 20 |

Note: The Emerging Cities Outlook (ECO) measures the likelihood that cities in low- and middle-income countries will improve their global positioning over the next 10 to 20 years.

Source: A.T. Kearney Global Cities Index and Emerging Cities Outlook

NEW PROJECTS

- New Spanish-speaking Sister City
- Agriculture Exchange
 - Locust Trace AgriScience School & Shizunai Agriculture School
- Medical School Exchange
 - University of Kentucky & University of Caen
- Middle School Skype Sessions with County Kildare





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