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Respected Mayor Mike Hurley,

Greetings from Shuangliu. Thank you for informing us of the latest progress on our proposal.

As we believe establishing friendly and cooperative relations between our two sides will build a platform for us to conduct more exchanges and cooperation in fields like education, industry, tourism, agriculture etc.

In education, many exchange programs are carried out between Shuangliu schools and other overseas schools every year. We learned that Burnaby also conducts such exchange programs for your students. We envision such joint programs between our schools that foster cultural understanding and academic excellence, enabling students and teachers from both our cities to learn from each other's rich histories and diverse perspectives.

Burnaby has leading industries such as high technology, manufacturing and so on, while Shuangliu focuses on the development of Chengdu Shuangliu Economic Development Zone and Chengdu IC Valley Industrial Park and International Airport Economic Zone. By sharing best practices, facilitating trade missions, and encouraging investments, we can stimulate innovation and economic development of enterprises and cities on both sides.

Shuangliu has a history of more than 2,300 years, boasting many tourist resources including 379 kilometers of Airport Greenway, Huanglongxi Ancient Town, Yonganhu Forest Park and Guangdu Museum, etc. Your city also has Burnaby Village Museum, Metropolis at Metrotown and many parks such as Burnaby Lake Park and Central Park. Being a vital sector for both our cities, we can hold joint tourism promotion activities to present the unique cultural heritage and natural beauty of the cities to our people.

Agriculture can also be a possible field for us to explore exchanges and cooperation. Burnaby has a large proportion of farmlands, and the local government is making efforts to protect these valuable natural assets. Shuangliu Government is accelerating the integrated development of urban and rural areas. We have popular agricultural products such as Erjintiao peppers, modern agricultural parks, and agricultural tourism projects like Huanglongxi Happy Idle Farmland and Airport Flower Field. We believe exchanges in such programs will benefit both of us.

Thank you again for your thoughtful letter. We look forward to a future where our cities could stand together, jointly promoting the above-mentioned programs.

Best regards,

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