
PHOENIX SISTER CITIES WINS SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL'S INNOVATION AWARD FOR YOUTH AND EDUCATION

WASHINGTON, DC – Phoenix Sister Cities (PSC) has won Sister Cities International's (SCI) 2016 Innovation Award for Youth and Education for a city with a population greater than 500,000. The 2016 Sister Cities International Innovation Award for Youth and Education recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding community and individual sister city programs that promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation.

One of PSC's most important objectives is to facilitate people-to-people relationships through international engagement and cultural exchange initiatives for Phoenix's youth. In 2015, PSC hosted several youth and ambassador programs including the Youth Ambassador Exchange Program, Teach Abroad - Himeji, Japan, a college internship program, the Taipei Chinese Culture Summer Camp, the Youth Ambassador Alumni Association, the Youth Ambassador Big Buddy program, the Phoenix Sister Cities Economic Ambassador Exchange Program, the "Mini-Ambassador" exchange program, and a youth baseball exchange in Taipei, Taiwan.

SCI's Annual Awards are awarded in several categories including Best Overall, Innovation (Arts and Culture, Economic Development, Humanitarian Assistance, and Youth and Education), and Volunteer of the Year. Award winners will be honored at the Lou Wozar Diplomatic Awards Dinner on Saturday, July 16 during SCI's 60th Anniversary Celebration in Washington, DC.

SCI's 60th anniversary celebration will include an [Annual Conference](#) and [Youth Leadership Summit](#) in Washington, DC July 13-16, 2016. The celebration will bring together hundreds of the most influential global leaders in diplomacy, foreign affairs, policy, business, and innovation. Elected and municipal officials, business leaders, youth delegates, and citizen diplomats will discuss this year's theme "Peace through People," building on President Eisenhower's initial vision of creating a more peaceful world by building global relationships.

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About Sister Cities International

Founded as a Presidential Initiative by Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, Sister Cities International serves as the national membership organization for 570 member communities with 2,300 partnerships in 150 countries on six continents. The sister city network unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers who work tirelessly to promote the organizations' mission of creating world peace and understanding through economic development, youth and education, arts and culture, and humanitarian assistance.

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