

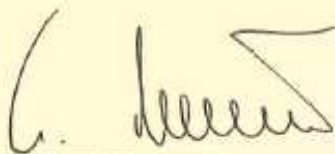
**SISTER-CITY/REGION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CANTON OF BERN, THE FEDERATION OF SWITZERLAND
AND
THE CITY OF SHENZHEN OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Both Canton of Bern and Shenzhen, through amicable negotiations under the principle of Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the People's Republic of China and the Federation of Switzerland, agree on building sister-city/region relations to deepen understanding and friendship between Chinese and Swiss people, and to enhance and develop friendly cooperation between the two cities/region. The two cities/region are committed to:

1. On the basis of mutual benefit, exchanges and cooperation in various fields such as business, trade, port logistics, science and technology, culture, education, sports, health and personnel to promote common prosperity and development.
2. Regular exchanges between leaders and agencies of Canton of Bern and Shenzhen so that negotiations on cooperation and on issues of common concern can be carried out.
3. This Agreement will take effect upon its signing in Shenzhen on February 13, 2015. This Agreement will be valid for five years. Upon expiration, it may remain in force if neither side terminates it.
4. This Agreement, written in Chinese and English, is signed in duplicate, all texts being equally authentic.

For the Canton of Bern
State of the Confederation of Switzerland

Andreas Rickenbacher
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Bern, Member of the Government



For the City of Shenzhen
The People's Republic of China

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Mayor of the City of Shenzhen

