

## Sister City Sponsor Organizations

Local sponsor organizations play an indispensable role in maintaining and enriching the County's sister city relationships. These organizations act as the backbone of the sister city program by dedicating their resources and expertise to foster international goodwill and cultural exchange. Their involvement ensures the program not only survives but thrives.

By assisting in the coordination and planning of official visitations, these organizations ensure that each encounter between sister cities is meaningful and well-organized. Whether it's managing logistics or programming events, their meticulous attention to detail creates seamless experiences that resonate with all participants.

Maintaining open lines of communication is another critical function of local sponsoring organizations. They serve as a bridge, facilitating continuous dialogue between the County and its sister cities.

Hosting sister city guests, whether during formal visitations or courtesy calls, is also a significant responsibility undertaken by these organizations. They ensure that visitors receive a warm welcome and experience the local culture deeply, which enhances mutual respect and understanding.

Furthermore, sponsoring organizations encourage various exchange programs, from educational and cultural exchanges to business and technology collaborations. These programs are vital for sharing knowledge and fostering innovation between communities.

In their role as ambassadors of goodwill, these organizations embody the spirit and values of their community, showcasing the best of what the County has to offer. Their passionate involvement promotes a positive image abroad and paves the way for lasting friendships and fruitful collaborations.

<b>SISTER CITY</b>	<b>SPONSOR ORGANIZATION</b>
Oshima Town, Japan	Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii
Hualien County, Taiwan	Kamehameha Schools
Nago City, Okinawa, Japan	Hui Okinawa
Shibukawa City, Japan	Japanese Community Association of Hawaii
Yurihama City, Japan	Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii
Sumoto City, Japan	Kiwanis Club of East Hawaii
Ormoc City, Philippines	Kona Visayan Club
Kumejima Town, Okinawa Japan	Keahole Center for Sustainability
Gokseong County, Korea	CHO Global Natural Farming
La Reunion, France (inactive)	No sponsor
Cabugao Town, Philippines	Big Island Filipino Community Council
Hatsukaichi City, Japan	Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce Hilo Hiroshima Kenjin Kai Kona Hiroshima Kenjin Kai