

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
POLICY COMMITTEE

February 8, 2008

Committee
Report No.

08-24

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Policy Committee, having met on January 22, 2008, makes reference to County Communication No. 08-7, from the Economic Development Coordinator, transmitting a proposed resolution entitled "ESTABLISHING A SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH FUKUYAMA CITY, HIROSHIMA PREFECTURE, JAPAN".

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize the Mayor to formalize a sister-city relationship between the County of Maui and Fukuyama City, Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan.

By correspondence dated January 22, 2008, the Office of Economic Development submitted a document entitled "Facts about Fukuyama City". The correspondence provided background information for the proposed sister-city relationship.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Economic Development Coordinator, the Corporation Counsel, and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

The Economic Development Coordinator stated that the County currently has a ten-year relationship with Fukuyama City through the Chamber of Commerce. Fukuyama City has participated in the County Fair and other community events. She also stated that the County has sister-city relationships with two cities in Japan since 1964, but this will be the first sister-city relationship with Fukuyama City.

Your Committee expressed support of the proposed resolution.

Your Committee discussed what programs would exist between the County and Fukuyama City after the sister-city relationship was formed. The Economic Development Coordinator explained that the programs varied depending on the city, but that she expected pen-pal and exchange programs with Fukuyama City.

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Your Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution and filing of the communication.

Your Policy Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Resolution No. _____, attached hereto, entitled "ESTABLISHING A SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH FUKUYAMA CITY, HIROSHIMA PREFECTURE, JAPAN", be ADOPTED; and

2. That County Communication No. 08-7 be FILED.

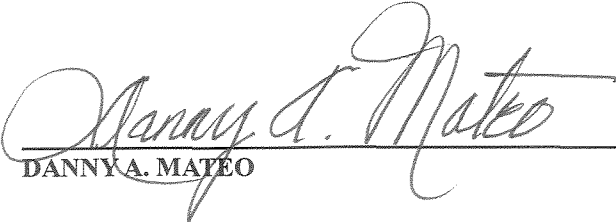
Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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Resolution

No. _____

ESTABLISHING A SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH FUKUYAMA CITY, HIROSHIMA PREFECTURE, JAPAN

WHEREAS, Section 46-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, United States of America, to establish ties of friendship, understanding and goodwill with Sister Cities by resolutions duly adopted by the Council of the County of Maui; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council Chair of Fukuyama, Japan have indicated they would be willing to enter into a sister-city relationship with the County of Maui; and

WHEREAS, Maui Sister-City Foundation supports a sister-city relationship between Maui and Fukuyama City, Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan ("Fukuyama City"); and

WHEREAS, Fukuyama City, "The City of Roses" is located in the southeast end of Hiroshima Prefecture; and

WHEREAS there already exists a relationship between Maui and Fukuyama City, as the Fukuyama Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Maui Japanese Chamber of Commerce celebrated their 10-year sister-chamber relationship earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, exchange student programs have successfully been implemented for over six years through the above-mentioned chambers, providing goodwill and first-hand educational and cultural opportunities;

WHEREAS, the coastal city of Fukuyama City has much in common with Maui and both Fukuyama City and Maui County will benefit from exchanges of ideas of mutual interest: environmental, economic, tourism, education and culture; and


Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, with mutual support from the communities of both Maui and Fukuyama City, it seems appropriate that the County of Maui enter into a sister-city relationship with Fukuyama City; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby authorizes the Mayor of the County of Maui to formalize a sister-city relationship between the County of Maui and Fukuyama City, Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan, for the purpose of strengthening the bonds initiated through cultural, business, and economic exchanges, furthering the ties of friendship, and promoting enduring goodwill between the people of the United States and the people of Fukuyama City; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Fukuyama City, Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan; the Honorable Linda Lingle, Governor, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Charmaine Tavares, Mayor, County of Maui; Mr. Theodore Liu, Director, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; and Ms. Deidre Tegarden, Coordinator, Office of Economic Development, County of Maui.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY:



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Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui