# Ministry of Interior and the Establishment of Provincial Sister City Relationship A Case Study of Udon Thani and Luoyang, Henan Province

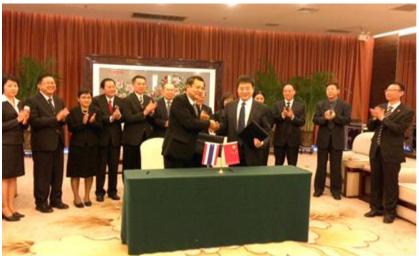


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## Ministry of Interior and the establishment of sister cities

The establishment of sister cities concerning the Minister of Interior involve the consideration of Thailand's province and another country's city or a related term with equal status.





At the present time, sister cities have been established between 38 provinces in Thailand and other foreign cities, accumulating in total of 126 pairs.

### National Strategy (2018 - 2037)

Security strategies, integration of ASEAN and international cooperation

# The Twelfth National Economic and Social Development Plan (2017 - 21)

- -Third Strategy (strengthening sustainable economy and commercial competency)
- -The Ninth Strategy (the development of city and economic area)
- -The Tenth Strategy (international cooperation for development)

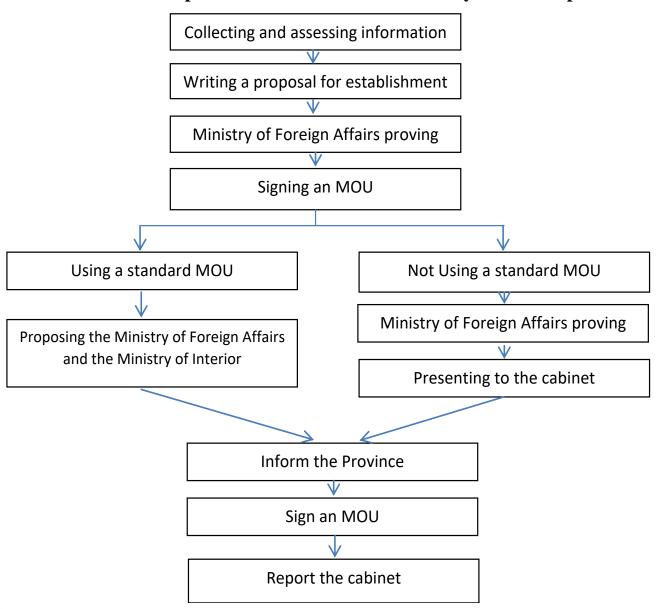
Ministry of Interior Action Plan (2017 – 19)







#### Flow chart of the procedures to establish a sister city relationship



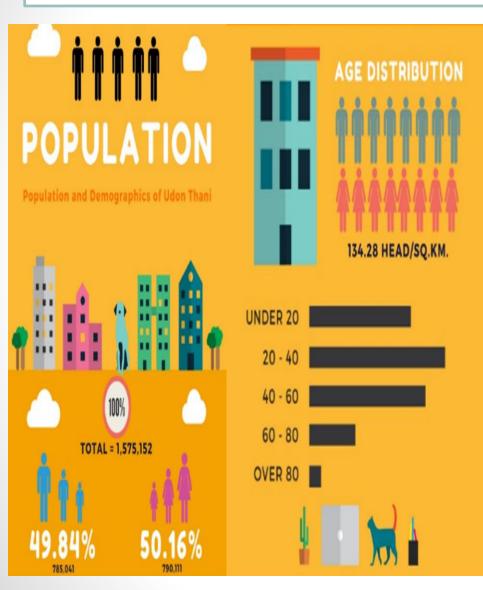
# Current overview of the establishment of sister cities by the Ministry of Interior

- 1. The Ministry of Interior has a comprehensive system that covers and connects every level of administration of the country namely a province, a group of provinces, district, sub-district and village level.
- 2. The Ministry of Interior has a network of provincial governors who coordinate various sectors to perform local tasks.
- 3. That provinces have the potential to attract trade, investment and tourism from foreign countries.
- 4. The promotion of understanding about the procedures to establish a sister city relationship amongst operating officers.
- 5. The operation of various activities after establishing a sister city relationship is still not consistent and there is yet no clear visible result at the present time.



## Vision of Udon Thani

"The city is livable. The Greater Mekong Subregion Center"





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### **Udon Thani and Luoyang, Henan Province**





### Summary of the result of the establishment of the sister city relationship

- 1. A Memorandum of Understanding to establish a sister city relationship
- 2. Acknowledge policies
- 3. Belt and Road Initiative policy
- 4. A visit to the Peony Garden in Luoyang, which is a major tourist attraction
- 5. Meeting and discussion about economy
- 6. Udon Thani Industrial City's executive had an opportunity to present about an industrial estate in Udon Thani
- 7. In order to provide an overall picture of Sino-Siamese interaction as influenced by the world order structure









