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## **Sister City Delegation from Handan, China, to Visit Dubuque**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque’s Sister City Relationships Advisory Commission will host four delegates from Dubuque’s Sister City of Handan, China, August 27-29, 2013. The primary goal of the visit is to gain a broader understanding of Dubuque’s economic development, especially relating to industrial property. The Sister City Commission, in conjunction with Greater Dubuque Development Corp., has developed an itinerary that includes a presentation by City Manager Michael Van Milligen and tours of John Deere, Hormel, A. Y. McDonald and NICC. Additionally, the delegation is expected to bring paintings and photos for display in Dubuque. The delegation includes:

- Mr. Zhang Xiaozhong, Director of Handan Municipal Foreign Affairs Office
- Mr. Xia Yuesong, Vice Director of Handan Municipal Bureau of Commerce
- Mr. Yang Jiuke. General Manager of Honghaochang Breeding Corp., Ltd
- Mr. Li Zhiqiang., Section Chief and Interpreter of Handan Municipal Foreign Affairs Office

This visit is related to the 30th anniversary year of Iowa’s Sister States relationship with Hebei Province, China. Handan City has a population of 1.3 million and is located in the southern section of Hebei Province and is in the communication center of Hebei, Henan, Shanxi and Shandong provinces. It is within 200 (124 miles) kilometers of the capital cities of these four provinces and about 500 kilometers (311 miles) from Beijing and Tianjin. The city lies at the east foot of the Taihang Mountains, and borders the North China Plain in the east. Handan City and Dubuque have been Sister Cities since 1989.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 563-589-4100, e-mail [ctyclerk@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:ctyclerk@cityofdubuque.org) or explore Sister City Relationships at [www.cityofdubuque.org](http://www.cityofdubuque.org).

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