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Friendship City Delegation from Xuzhou, China to visit May 17

The visit includes a Friendship City Signing Ceremony; tours of Morgantown, WVU

MORGANTOWN – The City of Morgantown is welcoming a group of visitors from the other side of the globe this week.

Representatives of Morgantown’s Friendship City of Xuzhou, China will meet members of City Council, the Sister City Commission, business leaders, and colleagues from West Virginia University for a Signing ceremony to be held at 12 p.m. at the Waterfront Place Hotel’s Regatta Bar & Grille on Thursday, May 17, 2012.

The delegation will also be given tours of the city and of campuses that day to get better acquainted with Morgantown.

Media is invited to join the City of Morgantown and the City of Xuzhou for this occasion. However, it is not open to the public.

About the Friendship City Project

Morgantown’s Friendship City designation is an informal relationship to promote goodwill and hospitality to government, business, educational institutions and visitors of both cities, as outlined by the City of Morgantown Sister City Commission. The Sister City Commission recommends adoption of Friendship Cities as a means of “creating or advancing inter-cultural, education, social and economic exchanges between the City” and places unlike Morgantown, as noted in City Administrative Code 172.08. Morgantown established Friendship City relations with Xuzhou earlier this year.

About Xuzhou, China

Xuzhou, Quanshan District, in China’s Jiangsu Province, is a city in east Central China, about 400 miles south of Beijing. It boasts a population of about 550,000. Coal mining and higher education form part of the economic base of both Xuzhou and Morgantown. Visitors from both cities have traveled across the world to visit each other’s homes, and more diplomatic, cultural, and economic exchanges are planned for the future.

If you have questions, please contact City Clerk Linda Little at llittle@cityofmorgantown.org or 304-284-7434, or Pam Hodge, Chair of the Morgantown Sister City Commission, at 304-685-4759.

