

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Could the Administration advise what celebrations are planned to mark this year's 21st anniversary of the City of Adelaide's Sister City agreement with the Chinese city of Qingdao?'

REPLY

1. The City of Adelaide and Qingdao formalised a Friendly City relationship on 29 March 2001, building on the sister state relationship between South Australia and Shandong, formed in 1986.
2. In 2013, the City of Adelaide hosted a 'Strengthening Relationships with China' delegation from Qingdao. Later that year, the then Lord Mayor (Stephen Yarwood) led a business delegation to Qingdao.
3. The Sister City agreement between Adelaide and Qingdao was subsequently formalised in September 2013.
4. While there is no formal process for acknowledging significant milestones between our Friendly City and Sister City partnerships, these are celebrated, with events held this year to recognise milestone Sister City anniversaries for Himeji (40 years) and Christchurch (50 years).
5. Guidelines will be developed to formalise processes for acknowledging significant milestones between our Friendly City and Sister City partnerships as part of the exercise to review the framework used to assess possible initiatives and partnerships in a consistent manner, outlined in the Sister Cities Review report presented to this 10 May 2022 meeting of Council at Item 10.6 Sister Cities Review (the review).
6. The 21st anniversary of the Sister City partnership with Qingdao will be in 2034. Should the new guidelines formalise the celebration of 21st anniversary milestones with Sister Cities, planning with Qingdao would commence in 2033 to determine how best to celebrate this relationship milestone.

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