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INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION UPDATE TO THE IGR SUB-COMMITTEE

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International Delegations

- The City of Vaughan's Cultural and Economic Partnerships Policy guides the City's participation in formal and informal economic and/or cultural exchanges with outside organizations.
- The City receives various requests for visits from Inbound Delegations and engages in Outbound Delegations.
- The Inbound and Outbound Delegations Policy guides both Inbound and Outbound Delegation participation and provides a framework for effective and consistent involvement in delegations that promote economic and cultural development and increase the profile of the City
- This policy was reaffirmed in January 2024, and an online link to request delegations was created as follows:
<https://vaughanbusiness.ca/how-we-help/international-economic-partnerships/>

Daejeon, South Korea

- Vaughan Economic Development continues to be active in promoting the City of Vaughan and welcoming international delegations
- Staff from the Communications and Services Division of Daejeon South Korea to the Economic Development department requesting an economic development briefing during their stay in the GTA
- Staff from Daejeon visited City Hall on Friday, September 27, and received a briefing on the city's economy, employment/job creation and retention and environmental services.

Daejeon, South Korea



Baguio City Philippines

- On Friday, October 25, the City welcomed an eight-person delegation from Baguio City, Philippines, to Vaughan City Hall to reaffirm the City's long-standing cultural partnership with the City of Baguio.
- The delegation, which included the Consul General, Vice Mayor of Baguio, Baguio City tourism staff, tourism Council members and representatives from the University of Baguio, attended an information session with various City departments at City Hall followed by a tour of the City's Joint Operations Centre and the McMichael Canadian Art Collection
- Vaughan Council has made many visits to Baguio, including in 2009 for its centennial celebration and the inauguration of the Global Garden, and in 2013, to celebrate the Flower Festival and meet with the Baguio Economic Development Authority. The City also welcomed a delegation from Baguio City in November 2022 to mark the 25th anniversary of the cities' twinning agreement. That marked the first official delegation visit for the 2022-2026 Term of Council.

Baguio City Philippines



2025 Mission to India and Pakistan

Due to international diplomatic uncertainties, the City of Vaughan will postpone its upcoming economic development mission to India and Pakistan, which was scheduled for January 2025.

As a result, we have postponed the MOU signing ceremony with the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce, which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23.

Economic Development staff will present a status update on Indo-Pacific economic development activities in November at Committee of the Whole (2).



Thank you