

## **A Summary of Danzhou's Sister City Proposal**

Danzhou has sister city relationship with Lakewood City of Washington State, USA and Halong City of Quangning, Vietnam.

Danzhou currently has no Sister City relationship in Australia and intends to form such a relationship with a regional city in Queensland, focusing on the bilateral cooperation in education, culture, tourism, and economy.

### **Education :**

- (1) Exchange programs for teachers and students at high school level. Danzhou can send volunteer Chinese teachers to teach Chinese at the Confucius Colleges in Queensland, and vice versa;
- (2) Set up "Sino-Australia Class" in Danzhou First High School, qualified students in the class can pursue advanced study in Queensland when graduating from high school; and
- (3) Vocational education cooperation in training skilled yacht workers and attendants in luxury hotels.

### **Tourism:**

- (1) Danzhou welcomes investment from Queensland in its tourism facilities (ie. Sea Flower Island, Guangcun Cigar Resort Town, Lanyang Hot Spring Resort Town, etc.);
- (2) Cooperation in Danzhou tourism projects, including the plan, design and operation of tourism businesses; and
- (3) Inbound tourists from Danzhou to Queensland or vice versa.

### **Culture and Sports :**

- (1) Invite Queensland athletes to participate in Danzhou International Marathon Event and Danzhou Super Grand Master Chess Tournament; and
- (2) Cooperation in promoting the performing arts.

### **Economy :**

- (1) Cigar export to Queensland, and wine import to Danzhou;
- (2) Cooperation in agricultural products processing (ie. vegetable, meat) and marketing;
- (3) Cooperation in stockbreeding: He Niu (cow) and Rockhampton cow; and
- (4) Cooperation in assembly and manufacturing of tourist equipment (yacht, golf and diving gears).

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## An Overview of Danzhou City, Hainan Province, China

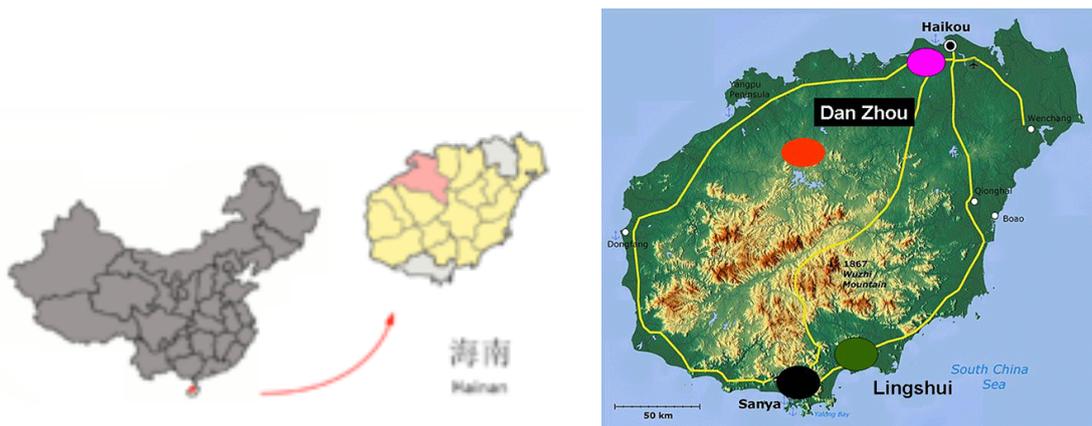
Located in the northwest of Hainan Island and adjacent to the North Bay, Danzhou is a county-level city of the Hainan Province with a population of 1,000,000 people and a GDP of RMB 17.678 billion (approximately A\$3.21 billion).. Hainan Island is a major tourism destination for Chinese off the Southern China province of Guangdong. (Please refer to map at bottom)

Danzhou has an extensive land transport system, with the island's circle railway and highway passing through it. Cargo can be transported by sea from its deep-water Yangpu Harbour to Southeast Asia and other coastal cities in Southeast China. The city is developing itself into part of Hainan Western Industrial Corridor, with petro-chemicals, pulps and paper making, steel making, rubber and sugar cane processing as its pillar industries. Agriculture is Danzhou's traditional industry backbone. Rich in natural resources, Danzhou is well-known for its tropical crops, tropical fruits, rare flower, medical materials, and aquatic products. It also has abundant mineral resources, such as quartz sand, oil shale, granite, volcanic ash, and barite.

### Key Industries of Danzhou

- New industries supported by high technology
- Tropical modern agriculture
- Modern services industries with tourism as the leading industry
- Marine industry

With its long history, colourful ethnic culture, and pristine tropical sceneries, Danzhou is becoming one of the popular tourist destinations on the Hainan Island. The city also hosts a number of international sporting events, including Tour of Hainan International Cycling Race, Danzhou International Marathon, and Danzhou International Chess Championship.



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