

Many benefit from partnership between Wuhan and Borlänge

Letter from Mayor of Borlänge Municipality



Brief introduction of Borlänge

Borlänge is a municipality in Dalarna County in central Sweden. With a population of roughly 50,000, it is the most populous city in the province.

Borlänge and Wuhan established a sister city relationship on September 28, 2007, and the Dalarna Region and the Hubei province are sister regions. The partnerships and projects have included environment, education, the youth, the social sector, culture, trade and industry.

Congratulations to *Changjiang Weekly*! I am very happy and glad to hear that your newspaper has completed five successful years. Hereby I am writing this letter to you to congratulate you on this achievement.

Your newspaper is the only English newspaper in Wuhan today. Your newspaper has been successfully displaying Wuhan's international image to us and you opened for us a window to witness the daily growth and development of Wuhan. A hearty congratulation to you and your team for making your newspaper reach such a great achievement.

I have read so many articles published in your newspaper related to the collaborations between Borlänge, Sweden and Wuhan, China. Thank you for promoting our friendship to the public. Today I can be very proud to say that the cooperation with Wuhan has been so important to Borlänge. Through the cooperation, we have helped our companies find partners in Wuhan; our youth gained international perspective through the exchange activities with the Wuhan students, meanwhile their language and professional competence enhanced; our municipal employees received new experiences and knowledge which can make them more capable to offer a better service to the citizens. Above all, globalization is today's trend. It is not enough for a single city to develop on its own. Especially when we want to bring the smart growth to our cities, we must join the international network and learn the successful experiences from our partner and being inspired by different culture and different ways of thinking and doing. Then we can formulate a good plan for our development. I wish that the relationship between our two cities will continue to thrive and the friendship between our citizens will be everlasting.

Again, congratulations to *Changjiang Weekly* and your team for this grand success and we hope it keeps entertaining passionate readers as it has been doing with each passing day.

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