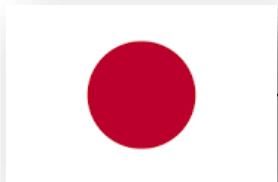


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SISTER CITIES
LONG BEACH
CALIFORNIA

1963
Yokkaichi,
Japan



1984
Qingdao,
China



1989
Sochi,
Russia



1993
Phnom Penh,
Cambodia



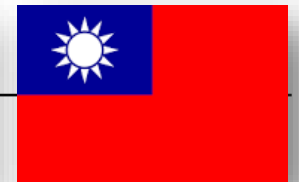
2007
Mombasa,
Kenya



2018
Bacolod,
Philippines



2022
Taoyuan,
Taiwan



SISTER CITIES: PEOPLE TO PEOPLE DIPLOMACY



- Founded: 1956 at President Eisenhower's White House Conference on Citizen Diplomacy.
- Vision: To foster global peace and prosperity through city-to-city relationships.
- Goal: Promote cultural appreciation and partnerships to reduce global conflict.

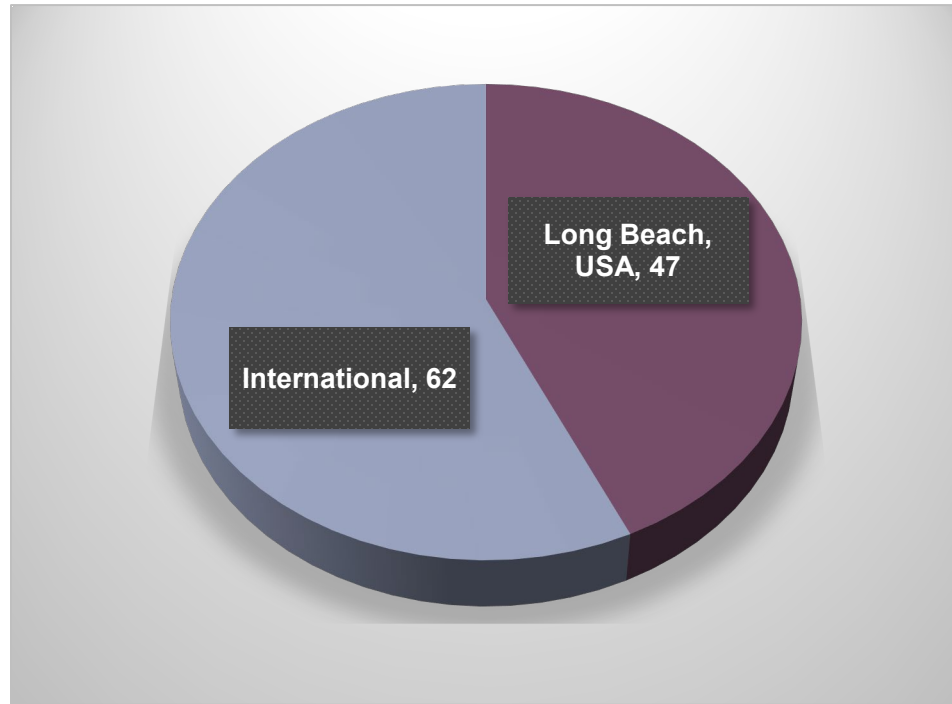
There are now nearly 500 U.S. cities partnering with more than 2,000 international cities

SCLB Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs

- College & High School Digital Pen Pal Program (DPPPP)
- SCLB Young Artists and Authors Showcase (YAAS)



High School Digital Pen Pal Program (HSDPPP)



Fostering cross-cultural understanding, global friendship, and youth engagement by connecting high school students from different countries through thoughtful digital communication.

2024-25 Winners

- 1st Place: Sydney Thomas
- 2nd Place: Leah Taylor
- 3rd Place: Carmen Manriquez

109 Students (age: 14-18)

Long Beach: Jordan High School | McBride High School

International: Qingdao, China | La Paz, Mexico | Phnom Penh, Cambodia

High School Digital Pen Pal Program 2024-25

Sydney Thomas
1st Place Winner

McBride High School
9th Grade

2025 Sister Cities of Long Beach Young Artists and Authors Showcase

The 2025 SCLB Young Artists and Authors Showcase invites youth to explore international friendship and cultural exchange through six creative categories. This year's theme is Friendship: The Heartbeat of Global Peace."

1st Place Winners



Grace Jorgensen
Classic Art



Lorelei Brennan
Photography



Charlotte Forman
Original Music



Sammantha Martinez
Poetry

Kayleen Rauseo
Digital Art

2nd Place Winners



Emma Esquivias
Digital Art



Mia Vokoun
Photography



Zoe Vokoun
Poetry



Christine Jorgensen
Classic Art

Bianca Dave
Classic Art

2025 Sister Cities of Long Beach Young Artists and Authors Showcase

Selected To Represent Sister Cities of Long Beach



Havi Viltz
Classic Art



James Villegas
Photography

River Diaz Luna
Classic Art

Emily Gonzalez
Classic Art

Sofia Matin
Photography

Mariama Bah
Photography

Madison Caceres
Photography

Sophie Hickson
Poetry

2025 Sister Cities of Long Beach Young Artists and Authors Showcase



Sammantha Martinez
1st Place, Poetry

Thank You!
