

AGREEMENT BETWEEN QINGDAO CITY (SHANDONG PROVINCE) OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

AND

THE CITIES OF DUISBURG, ESSEN AND WUPPERTAL OF THE DISTRICT OF
DUESSELDORF REGIONAL GOVERNMENT
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDSHIP RELATIONSHIP

Qingdao City of the People's Republic of China and Duisburg, Essen and Wuppertal and Duesseldorf Regional Government, in accordance with the principles of the Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the People's Republic of China and Federal Republic of Germany for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding and friendship between the Chinese and German people, and consolidate and develop friendly cooperation between the Chinese province and the four cities and the regional district and through friendly consultations, have reached agreement on the establishment of Friendship Relationship.

The two sides agree to make concerted effort, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, to promote people-to-people friendly contacts and economic and trade interflow between the two regions, and actively carry out exchanges and cooperation in the fields of economy, trade, science and technology, culture, sports, health, education, personnel, etc.

This Agreement is done in duplicate in the Chinese and English languages, both texts of being equally authentic. It shall come into force from the date of signature.

This Agreement will be valid for five years. Upon expiration, it may remain in force of neither side terminates it.

The City of Qingdao
of the People's Republic of China

Duesseldorf Regional Government,
Northrhine-Westfalia
Federal Republic of Germany

The City of Duisburg
of the Federal Republic of Germany

The City of Essen
of the Federal Republic of Germany

The City of Wuppertal
of the Federal Republic of Germany

Duesseldorf, on 20th January 2008