



## **City of Milpitas**

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## **Dagupan and Milpitas Renew Sister City Memorandum of Understanding**

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A delegation from the Philippines visited Milpitas early this week, making the trip to celebrate a very special occasion.

The group from Dagupan City was in town to officially mark the continuation of their sister city relationship with Milpitas. On November 27, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) signing ceremony marked a significant milestone in the enduring relationship between the Milpitas and Dagupan communities. The agreement solidified both cities' commitment to collaboration and cultural exchange. The event was attended by members of the Milpitas City Council, City staff, and special guests. Visiting dignitaries included Dagupan City Mayor Belen Fernandez, City Councilmembers Michael Fernandez, Dennis Canto, and Jeslito Seen, several members of Dagupan City's executive team, student council leaders as well as local representatives from the Dagupan City Association of Northern California.

Milpitas Mayor Carmen Montano shared, "I want to express my deepest gratitude to all those who have contributed to making this special event possible. I am confident that this MOU will serve as a catalyst for forging lasting relationships and creating a brighter future for the City and the city of Dagupan."

"This MOU symbolizes the continuation of an important partnership between Milpitas and Dagupan," said Dagupan Mayor Belen Fernandez. "It opens doors to a multitude of opportunities, from promoting tourism and education to facilitating trade relations and cultural exchanges that will benefit both our communities."

The City hosted the delegation from Dagupan for two days. The dynamic itinerary included Milpitas City facility tours, information sessions led by the City's department directors, student interactions at Milpitas High School, and collaborative engagements aimed at deepening the bond between the two cities.

Through the MOU, Dagupan and Milpitas will continue to establish a framework for ongoing dialogue and joint initiatives, to promote a mutual partnership and exchange of experience between the two cities including economic development and trade, tourism, arts, sports, and education.

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### **About the City of Milpitas**

Located at the southern end of San Francisco Bay, Milpitas is a progressive community that is an integral part of Silicon Valley. A full-service city with water utility, sewer utility, police and fire services, Milpitas is a flourishing community with a very diverse and inclusive resident population of over 80,000. Often referred to as the Crossroads of Silicon Valley, the City is situated between major thoroughfares in the Bay Area and considered a highly desirable location for world-class technology companies seeking to build a central base of operations. With the addition of the new Milpitas Transit Center offering BART, light rail, and bus service, and multiple new mixed-use development projects, along with a host of new City Plans and Programs in support of an inspiring and sustainable future, the City is at the forefront of building the next generation economy. For more information, visit: [www.milpitas.gov](http://www.milpitas.gov)