



Office of the Mayor

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As Mayor of McKinney, Texas, I would like to announce the creation of the Mayor's Council for International Economical Development Partnership (MCIEDP) and the appointment of James Chen, President and CEO of the Mayfair Group, as a Director and Emissary of the MCIEDP for the City of McKinney.

We have established the MCIEDP to promote McKinney as an international city for trade and economic development. The group has been tasked with generating international commercial investment opportunities for McKinney through a comprehensive marketing and networking campaign.

James Chen of the McKinney-based Mayfair Group has been confirmed by the McKinney City Council to chair MCIEDP. The Mayfair Group is a successful commercial and residential real estate development and property management company. Over the last 20 years, Mr. Chen has continued to expand his vast array of associations throughout China and Taiwan. As longtime resident of McKinney, he is originally from Taiwan and has developed a strong record for attracting significant Chinese investment.

Strategically located along major roadways in the DFW Metroplex, McKinney has direct access to D/FW International Airport and is home to Collin County Regional Airport, a business aviation airport with a 7000-foot runway and on-field U.S. Customs.

With 122,000 residents, McKinney has been one of the fastest growing cities in the country since 2000 and is located in the Texas county with the highest job growth. The city has been recognized in the media as being a top "Best Place to Live" (*CNN Money*), "Best Place to Move" (*Forbes*), and "Best Place to Raise a Family" (*MSNBC*).

McKinney offers beautifully-landscaped neighborhoods and parks, top-rated golf courses, and one of the largest and most successful historic downtowns in America. This combined with top-notch educational opportunities, diverse recreation and entertainment, exceptional dining and shopping options, and state-of-the-art health-care facilities makes McKinney a unique community that stands out in the suburban sprawl of North Texas.

I encourage you to discover McKinney, a vibrant and competitive place to do business and invest capital. McKinney combines history and progress, nature and development, and a solid vision for the future to ensure that our community will continue to grow into a world-class city. I look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful city in the near future.

Sincerely,

Brian Loughmiller
Mayor