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FOR: GERRY THOMPSON  
GOVERNORS OFFICE  
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FROM: DENNY MILES  
TAICHUNG

SIGNING COMPLETED. TEXT OF NEWS  
RELEASE FOLLOWS. RELEASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON 24TH.

GOV. VIC ATIYEH SIGNED A PROCLAMATION THURSDAY ( TAIWAN TIME )  
ADOPTING TAIWAN AS A SISTER PROVINCE WITH THE STATE OF OREGON.

THE PROCLAMATION WAS SIGNED AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY IN THE  
PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF TAICHUNG. ATIYEH IS IN TAIWAN MAKING BUSINESS  
CALLS ON OREGON CUSTOMERS AND PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMEMORATION OF  
THE 40TH TAIWAN RETROCESSION DAY.

IN HIS PROCLAMATION ATIYEH EXPRESSED THE WISH'' THAT THE  
PROVINCE OF TAIWAN WILL LIKEWISE ADOPT THE STATE OF OREGON'' AS A  
SISTER STATE.(A COPY OF THE COMPLETE PROCLAMATION TEXT IS ATTACHED.)

''I HAVE WANTED TO FORMALIZE OUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN  
SINCE I BECAME GOVERNOR,'' ATIYEH SAID, ''TODAYS' SIGNING IS ONE OF THE  
GENUINE HIGHLIGHTS OF MY TERM AS GOVERNOR.''

IN RESPONSE TAIWAN GOV. CHIU GHUANG-HUAN SAID ''WE ARE MORE  
THAN WILLING TO BE A SISTER STATE WITH OREGON. WE WILL DO OUR BEST  
TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.''

ATIYEH IS MAKING HIS THIRD TRIP TO TAIWAN. HE HAS HAD MEETINGS  
WITH JOHN H. CHANG, DIRECTOR, DEPT OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS.  
VINCENT C.SIEW, DIRECTOR GENERAL, BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE, AND VICE  
PRESIDENT LEE TENG-HUI. THE GOVERNOR ALSO HAD HUMEROUS BUSINESS  
APPOINTMENTS INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TAIWAN  
FLOU MILLS ASSOCIATION, CHINESE MARITIME TRANSPORT, TAIWAN POWER  
COMPANY, AND CHINA AIRLINES. TAIWAN IS OREGON'S NUMBER THREE TRAD-  
ING PARTNER.

GOV. ATIYEH LEAVES TAIWAN FOR DAMASCUS, SYRIA WHERE HE WILL  
PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIAL CONGRESS OF LEADERS FROM THE AMERICAS OF  
ARAB DESCENT. ATIYEH'S FAMILY CAME FROM SYRIA  
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