

Sister Park Arrangement between

Pearl Harbor National Memorial

National Park Service of the
Department of the Interior of the
United States of America

and

Peace Memorial Park

Hiroshima City
Hiroshima Prefecture of Japan

Pearl Harbor National Memorial of the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as "Pearl Harbor National Memorial"), and the Peace Memorial Park of Hiroshima City of Hiroshima Prefecture of Japan (hereinafter referred to as "Peace Memorial Park"), are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parks." The term "Parks" as referenced in this document includes the facilities (in this case of Peace Memorial Park, limited to those owned by the City of Hiroshima), staff and other organizations that are responsible for the stewardship, care, and management of those site facilities in each country. The Parks,

RECOGNIZING the mutual interest between the Parks in the establishment and management of parks and protected areas in order to strengthen cooperation in the promotion of peace, culture, tourism, and education;

NOTING strengthening cooperation between the Parks in the exchange of information and informal education activities for the management and operation of the Parks;

HEREBY establish a Sister Park Arrangement between the Pearl Harbor National Memorial and the Peace Memorial Park to serve as a bridge for peace and reconciliation.

SECTION 1 - PURPOSE:

Both Parks share common ideals of stewardship and preservation, learning from the past, to share new ideas of the future, and to have a great many people visit them so they might understand the Parks' significance. To meet these goals, the purpose of the "Sister Park" relationship is to promote international cooperation and for the mutual benefit of both Parks and to enrich the experience and training of the personnel of both Parks through projects of international cooperation. The relationship allows the Parks to benefit by sharing experiences and approaches to collaboration, including local efforts to work with gateway communities, regional and local economies, friends groups and partner organizations. This may be accomplished primarily through the exchange of managerial, technical and professional knowledge, information, data, technology, training, and experience.

SECTION 2 – AREAS OF COOPERATION:

Through years of protecting and managing historical areas, each Park has gained invaluable experience. Both Parks expect, through the strengthening of mutual exchange and cooperation, to improve the preservation and usage of their Parks while improving their knowledge of the importance and value of these historical sites for the benefit of future generations.

The Parks plan to engage in cooperative activities under this Arrangement such as the provision and exchange of information, participation in training courses, conferences, and symposia, professional exchanges in areas of mutual interest, and other forms of cooperative activities as mutually decided.

The specific areas of interest for cooperative activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Exchange of experiences regarding resource management methods and techniques for restoration of historic structures and landscapes;
- Electronic communication and technical information exchanges, including virtual reality and of digital imagery, for preservation as well as education;
- Exchange of experiences regarding education techniques, programs, and facilities, including plans and designs for youth education and curriculum;
- Exchange of experiences regarding the management and planning of recreation and tourism;
- Exchange of experiences regarding development of volunteer and “Friends” organizations for park support; and
- Conduct publicity activities for Sister Parks on Park websites.

Mutually decided projects may be decided in the future. Project plans are expected to be focused on specific topic and issues of concern to both Parks and may go into effect when the plans are submitted and accepted by both Parks.

SECTION 3 – FUNDING:

Any activity carried out under the terms of this Arrangement is subject to the availability of funds.

The expenses related to each exchange conducted under this Arrangement is expected to be borne in accordance with the principle of equality and mutual benefit, and the amount of expenses to be borne is expected to be determined in advance by the exchange managers of both Parks for each exchange.

This Arrangement defines in general terms the basis on which the Parks intend to cooperate, and as such, does not constitute a fiscal or funds obligation document.

SECTION 4 – IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

The offices designated to coordinate and implement this Arrangement, and their points of contact are:

For Pearl Harbor National Memorial: Superintendent Tom Leatherman
For Peace Memorial Park: Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui

If there is a change to any point of contact, the Park making the change is expected to notify the other Park in writing of such change with thirty (30) days' notice.

SECTION 5 – OTHER PROVISIONS:

The Parks may develop and share reports that describe the results of this Arrangement. Also, the experience deriving from the collaboration and cooperation, as well as the technical data exchanged, can be shared among the staff of the Parks.

This Arrangement is expected to be implemented under the laws of each country and other regulations. This Arrangement is not legally binding, and it is not intended to modify or interfere with the respective international obligations of either country.

Any differences derived from interpretation or implementation of this Arrangement are expected to be resolved first by means of consultations and negotiations directly between the Parks.

SECTION 6 – DURATION, MODIFICATIONS AND DISCONTINUATION:

Activities under this Arrangement may commence upon signature and may continue for five years and may be extended for a period of five (5) years if no written notice of termination is given at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date. In addition, this Arrangement may be amended through written agreement between the Parks.

Activities under this Arrangement may be discontinued at any time by either Park. The Park seeking to discontinue cooperation should endeavor to provide written notification ninety (90) days in advance of such discontinuation.

Signed at Tokyo, Japan on this 29th day of June 2023, in duplicate, in English and Japanese languages.

On behalf of Pearl Harbor National Memorial, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, United States of America	On behalf of Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima City, Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan
	