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SISTER CITY TAINAN, TAIWAN DONATES MEDICAL MASKS AND GOGGLES TO MONTEREY

Monterey, CA – A City of Monterey sister city since 1984, Tainan, Taiwan, reached out to the City of Monterey with concern over the significant spread of the coronavirus in the United States and graciously donated 2,900 medical masks and 300 medical goggles. The supplies arrived at Monterey City Hall on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. They will be added to inventory in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), shared with City first responders including Police and Fire, as well as other staff, and may also be shared with other community first responders as needed.

"We are so grateful for the kindness and generosity of our sister city, Tainan," said Mayor Clyde Roberson. "This worldwide pandemic shows that we are all in this together, and it is heartwarming to see how people are helping each other, even across the seas. These are the times that truly bring the meaning of sister cities to light. Just as the sign on the boxes read - Together, Stronger."

Tainan City Mayor Huang Wei-che said, "Friendship with people is to treat each other sincerely, and the fundamental way of urban diplomacy is the same. The rapid spread of the epidemic in the United States in the past few months shows the need, and we should stand up at this moment and take the initiative to share the surplus materials with international family and friends." (from a Tainan City news release posted July 26, 2020 - https://www.tainan.gov.tw/News_Content.aspx?n=13370&s=7698348#)



Tainan City Mayor Huang Wei-che showing the shipments of supplies being sent to their sister cities. "True care is the foundation of urban diplomacy."



Supplies received at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Monterey, CA.

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