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On June 15,1961, Taipei signed a sister-city agreement with Houston, Texas, U.S.A.-Taipei's first ever. During the last thirty-eight years, owing to the efforts of successive mayors, Taipei has established sister-city relations with forty-three cities in thirty countries. Through commercial and cultural exchanges, Taipei has set up new ties of friendship and cooperation with these cities, large and small, around the world. This city-to-city diplomacy thus turns a new page on this country's foreign relations. Looking ahead, we are optimistic that the goal of a global village will materialize much sooner.

As an international custom, a city government normally flies the national flags of its sister cities in or around the city hall. Taipei is no exception. There are now seven flagpoles each on the north and south side of the plaza facing the Taipei City Hall. The national flag of the Republic of China flies on the southernmost flagpole. The remaining thirteen flagpoles fly the national flags of Taipei's sister cities (see attached list) according to the alphabetic order of their English names, to be changed every two months. It takes around six months to complete the rotation.

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