



What is ?

The Houston Karachi Sister City Association (HKSCA) is an inclusive organization, whose sole focus is mission is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, & cooperation one individual, one community at a time.

Created in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Sister City International's (SCI) goal is to develop municipal partnerships between U.S. cities, counties, and states and similar jurisdictions in other nations. SCI also works with ordinary citizens to participate in people-to-people exchanges and to build long-term partnerships between U.S. and international municipalities. SCI represents more than 700 U.S. communities and nearly 2,500 partnerships with sister communities in 134 countries.

Established in Houston in 2009, HKSCA is the newest member of the SCI family. The association is a voluntary organization and has applied for the not-for-profit (501©(3) status.

Our Goals

- Increase cultural and educational exchange to improve understanding and promote interaction between the people of Houston and Karachi.
- Help build bridges of friendship and commerce between these two vital centers of culture and finances.
- Support individual and civic exchanges that foster better understanding and appreciation between citizens of the two cities.
- Develop ongoing projects and events to promote cultural and people exchanges as well as economic development opportunities.

Who can join?

While focusing its attention on the Pakistani community in Houston, HKSCA strives to increase its outreach to the diverse community at large by involving members and participants from all ethnic backgrounds.

Members come from a variety of industries, companies and professions, including but not limited to the following:

- [Allstate Travel & Tours, Inc.](#)
- [Bodhan International, Inc](#)
- [Center for Cultural Interchange](#)
- [Clinical Trial Network](#)
- [Horizon Travel](#)
- [Houston Community College](#)
- [Houston Shifa Services Foundation, Inc](#)
- [HR Shaikh & Seyar, LLP](#)
- [Law Offices of Syed N. Izfar](#)
- [Oil Products & Distribution, Inc.](#)
- [Pakistan Chamber of Commerce-USA](#)
- [Punjtan Drilling,Co](#)
- [United Central Bank](#)
- [University of Houston Downtown](#)
- [World's Gold & Diamond, Inc.](#)

Membership Application

Please complete the details below and return this registration form along with your dues to the following address:

Houston Karachi Sister City Association
6840 Harwin Dr.
Houston, Texas 77036

Alternatively, you may register online or contact us with questions by going to www.houstonkarachi.org.

Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Title: _____
 Company: _____

Please check the appropriate membership option:

Student:	\$15
Individual:	\$30
Family:	\$50
Small Business:	\$200 *
Non-Profit Organization:	\$300
Patron:	\$500
Corporation:	\$1,000
Benefactor:	\$1,500+

** less than 10 employees*

Top Reasons to Join HKSCA

Citizen Diplomacy

Begin a dialogue about Citizen Diplomacy among a diverse group of citizens from education, business, government, civic, cultural, and faith-based organizations. HKSCA will also raise awareness of how communities are involved in student and professional exchanges, global education, trade, and other international activities.

Collaborative Programs

By initiating programs to meet the needs of Houston and Karachi, HKSCA will aid Houston in strengthening and expanding its international ties and promoting international trade.

Discounted admission to HKSCA and partner organization's events

As a member of HKSCA, you can attend our quarterly events, as well as those of the other chapters and partner organizations at member rates.

Muslim World Partnership Initiative

HKSCA will work with SCI to provide U.S. communities and communities in the Muslim world support and opportunities for positive direct engagement with one another.

Network for Sustainable Development

HKSCA will work with SCI on a network of sister city partnerships dedicated to responding to the challenges of achieving sustainable urban development.

Networking Opportunities

Interact with people who share similar interests. Once an individual becomes a member of HKSCA, he/she gets an opportunity to interact with professionals, entrepreneurs, and students belonging in a multitude of fields, both through events and the HKSCA web site.

The Sister Cities Program

The Sister Cities program develops intercultural understanding and promotes international trade and commerce, economic development and tourism. Each sister city association in Houston is made up of volunteers who determine their own local initiatives and develop programs.

Houston's sister city relationships are created by City Council resolution, requiring the approval of the Mayor and City Council. Houston's program is run by volunteers who form 17 associations and the umbrella organization Sister Cities of Houston, Inc. Houston International Protocol Alliance administers the program for the City of Houston.



HKSCA & Sister Cities of Houston are a part of Sister Cities International (SCI), a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network creating and strengthening partnerships between U.S. and international communities. SCI's goals are to increase global cooperation at the community level, promote cultural understanding, and stimulate economic development.



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