



City of Tacoma

Mayor Marilyn Strickland

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Mr. Zhang Fan
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Dear Mr. Zhang,

Congratulations to you and your teammates, Mr. Weng Qihua, Mr. Weng Qicai, and Ms. Han Zhumei, for successfully accomplishing the mission of guiding the construction of the Fuzhou Pavilion in the Tacoma Chinese Reconciliation Park.

The Fuzhou Pavilion donated by the City of Fuzhou adds an authentic attraction to the Chinese Reconciliation Park, exemplifying the long-lasting sister-city relationship between our great cities, and more importantly, bestowing great support to Tacoma's efforts in commemorating and reconciling the 1885 expulsion of the Chinese populace from Tacoma.

Building a traditional Chinese structure that involves foreign materials, intricate components, and unique construction sequencing and techniques was very challenging. Your guidance and assistance has been absolutely critical. The knowledge, professionalism, dedication, and respect to our culture and workmanship that you and your teammates have demonstrated is very impressive and most appreciated.

Unfortunately, construction of the pavilion will not be completed before your team returns to China, because of the time we had to spend addressing the City's seismic and building code requirements, additional weather protection requirements, and other unforeseeable challenges. However, we are confident that, with the invaluable lessons we have learned from you and your teammates, we will be able to complete the project in short order.

The Fuzhou Pavilion is the first Chinese structure in the City of Tacoma and the South Puget Sound Region. The pavilion is not only a memorial and educational facility for the historic event, but the construction process and the cooperation between your team and our workers in itself is historical. Thank you for making history for and with us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marilyn Strickland", written in a cursive style.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

- c. Lihuang Wung, Community and Economic Development Department
- Debbie Bingham, Community and Economic Development Department
- Theresa Pan-Hosley, Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation