

Highlights of Christchurch Songpa-Gu Sister City Relationship 1995-2005

1990 – 1995	Clyde Sugden, then Honorary Consul of the Republic of Korea, and Charlie Lee, the senior Korean Christchurch resident, began submissions to the Christchurch City Council to create a Korea - Christchurch Sister City relationship	February 2003	Seoul Seryun students inaugural visit to Merrin School
10 February 1995	Sister City Agreement signed between Christchurch and Songpa-Gu	May 2003	Songpa-Gu children's artworks exhibited at the Centre of Contemporary Art
September 1995	Aranui High School Kapahaka group performed at the Hansung Baekje Festival. Clyde Sugden and Charlie Lee accompanied the group to Songpa-Gu	June 2003	Artworks from Songpa-Gu and Bangi Middle Schools & Christchurch schools exhibited at ArtZone, COCA
March 1996	Songpa-Gu Choir of 80 came to Christchurch for Korea Day on 1st March, the day having been officially adopted by the Christchurch City Council	July 2003	6.25 memorial bridge honouring New Zealand troops who fought in the Korean War was officially opened in the Songpa-Gu Garden at Halswell Quarry Park during the Canterbury Korean Veterans Association Ceasefire Reunion 29th July
July 1996	Christchurch official delegation visited Songpa-Gu		Christchurch display designed and installed in Songpa-Gu Community Hall
November 1996	Aranui and Ogum High Schools signed a Sister School Agreement	August 2003	Mayor Garry Moore visited Songpa-Gu
March 1997	Korea Day celebrated with a colourful parade and various performances, involving three beauty queens and a traditional four piece music group from Ogum High School	September 2003	Merrin School's first trip to Seoul Seryun School, Songpa-Gu
September 1997	Aranui students visited Ogum	February 2004	Seoul Seryun School hosted by Merrin School in Christchurch
	Christchurch City Council delegation to Songpa-Gu	July 2004	Ogum High School Group visited Aranui High School
October 1997	A group of Councillors from Songpa-Gu visited Christchurch	August 2004	Canterbury Under 17 Soccer representative team to Songpa-Gu
December 1997	Confirmation of Sister Cities Gardens	April 2005	Kia Ora sculpture as 10th Anniversary gift to Songpa-Gu unveiled
August 1998	Ogum High School hosted by Aranui High School		Chisnallwood School signed Sister School Agreement with Gawon Middle School
September 1998	Canterbury Under 17 representative soccer team to Songpa-Gu	July 2005	Aranui High School teachers and students hosted by Ogum High School
August 1999	Sister Cities Under 17 Soccer Tournament with Songpa-Gu and Kurashiki in Christchurch	September 2005	Christchurch official and citizen delegations attended the Hansung Baekje Festival
September 1999	Aranui High School group hosted by Ogum High School in Songpa-Gu		Hillmorton High School Kapahaka group performed at the Hansung Baekje Festival and at sister schools
February 2000	Exhibition of Ogum High School artworks at the Centre of Contemporary Art, Christchurch		Merrin School hosted by Seoul Seryun School, Songpa-Gu
	Ogum High School group hosted by Aranui High School.	17 November 2005	'Alchemy of Daily Life ' 1st Korean contemporary art exhibition to New Zealand, official opening by Ambassador Jung-Seung Shin
	Art in the Park 2000, Christchurch, included Songpa-Gu sculptor Kim Dong Ho	18 November 2005 -26 February 2006	'Alchemy of Daily Life' exhibition at Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetu (from Korean National Museum of Contemporary Art
March 2000	38 musicians and dancers from Songpa-Gu performed in Christchurch to celebrate Korea Day	17-19 November 2005	Songpa delegation led by Vice Mayor Chang Soo Ghil to Christchurch
February 2001	Merrin and Seryun Schools signed a Sister School Agreement and exchanged artworks	16-20 November 2005	Hanbyeok Performance Group, from Jeonju, Korea performances in Christchurch
	Mayor Lee attended the official opening of Sister Cities Gardens, Christchurch	18 November 2005	10th Anniversary Civic Dinner hosted by Mayor Garry Moore at the Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetu
	Cultural group from Songpa-Gu and art display	19 November 2005	Korean Festival: - Korean Market, Cathedral Square featuring Korean items, foods and demonstrations with Jeonju's Hanbyeok Performance Group & Merrin School Korean Culture Group - Music & Dance Performance at Aurora Centre, featuring Jeonju's Hanbyeok Performance Group & the Hillmorton High School Kapahaka Group
September 2001	Then Deputy Mayor Lesley Keast, Councillor Carol Anderton and Clyde Sugden attended the Hansung Baekje Festival		
July 2002	Ogum High School group visited Aranui High School		
October 2002	Songpa-Gu Folk Art Group of 37 performed in Christchurch		
January 2003	A promotional loop video of Christchurch began to run in the Songpa-Gu office		



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