



Iowa Sister States (ISS) is a non-profit that was founded in 1985 to manage the official relationships established by the Governor of Iowa with foreign states. There are nine of these including: Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan (1960), Yucatan, Mexico (1965), Hebei Province, China (1983), Terengganu, Malaysia (1987), Stavropol Krai, Russia (1988), Taiwan (1989), Cherkasy Oblast, Ukraine (1996), Veneto Region, Italy (1997) and the Republic of Kosovo (2013).

ISS is a volunteer-driven organization dedicated to connecting Iowans with the world community. Our Mission is to develop and implement international partnerships and programs that promote cultural, economic, and other interests of the State of Iowa and its citizens through volunteer, public, and private action.

We do this by facilitating and hosting exchange programs between Iowa and our various sister states. We also foster conferences and summits in Iowa that relate directly to our mission statement.

ISS is committed to exposing Iowans to people, ideas, and experiences that are of an international flair. We bring the world to Iowa by providing opportunities statewide for Iowans to communicate with people from different cultures. This helps to bring Iowans a cultural experience and openness that they might not otherwise have access to. We also facilitate exchanges that send Iowans to our sister states.

Overall, we strive to be a leader in integrating Iowans with the world community.

Vision

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