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### **VALLEJO HOLDS HISTORIC VIDEOCONFERENCE WITH SISTER CITY**

VALLEJO – Members of the City of Vallejo’s Sister City Commission and Sister City Association along with city officials on Monday held the first-ever video teleconference with Sister City officials in Jincheon, South Korea.



*William Kim, Yolanda Kim and Vallejo Mayor Ton Intintoli Jr. look on during a video teleconference with Sister City officials from Jincheon, South Korea.*

The video teleconference took place in the conference room of the City’s Economic Development Division. Vallejo Mayor Tony Intintoli, Jr., Dinah Villanueva and Brenda Brumfield were in attendance, along with City Manager David Martinez, Assistant City Manager Mary Hill and William Kim.

The two groups exchanged greetings and wishes for a prosperous new year, with Yolanda Kim serving as translator for the two groups.

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“It’s a historic day, and I hope this is the first of many videoconferences,” said Jincheon Mayor Kim Kyeong Hoe. “I also hope we can use this day to build a foundation for a stronger relationship between our cities. I look forward to many more video conferences.”



*Jincheon officials talk to Vallejoans via a video teleconference link.*

A delegation of Vallejoans recently visited Jincheon and toured other parts of South Korea as well.

“We had an enjoyable visit, and video teleconferencing is the next best thing to being there,” Hill told the group. “I’m looking forward to more meetings like this. It’s the next best thing to being there.”

During the meeting the two groups discussed future visits between the two cities, such as participation in various festivals and events in Vallejo, including Unity Day 2004. Also discussed was a sports exchange program, with the first step being a soccer and basketball exchange.

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“I’m pleased to inform you that we had a very successful meeting with your sports committee on Dec. 12,” Villanueva told the group. “The Sister City Association and your representatives agreed to pursue the sports exchange program. We agreed to first launch the soccer and basketball aspects of the program.”

Once various school schedules in Jincheon and Vallejo are coordinated, work will begin on finalizing details of the youth sports exchange program.



*Dinah Villanueva checks her notes as Brenda Brumfield waves to officials from Jincheon, South Korea.*

The 45-minute meeting ended with a discussion of holding future meetings on a quarterly basis, which the group agreed would be a good idea.

Vallejo now has six Sister Cities, including Jincheon, South Korea; Baguio City, the Philippines; Akashi, Japan; Trondheim, Norway; La Spezia, Italy; and Bagamoyo, Tanzania.