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FSM Embassy Attends the 2018 Global Smart City Summit (Yinchuan)



Beijing, November 15, 2018 (FSM Embassy)—Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission Vincent Sivas was dispatched to Yinchuan, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region of the People’s Republic of China to attend the 2018 Global Smart City Summit from November 13-16, 2018. The 2018 Global Smart City Summit (Yinchuan) was jointly organized by Yinchuan Municipal People’s Government and China’s Electronic Corporation. The summit was hosted at the Yinchuan International Convention Center with the theme of “Building a Green, High-end, Harmonious and Livable City.” The 2018 Global Smart City Summit brought together more than 500 guests ranging from government, academia, as well as domestic and foreign experts, scholars, and entrepreneurs, to share their points and solutions in the process of building Smart Cities.

A Smart City is an urban area (e.g. Kolonia, Weno) that uses interconnected data collection sensors. So, for example, the data collected from a power plant, library, school, hospital, traffic light, and so on are all sharing data to provide governments a greater capacity to make data-based decisions. For example, imagine that a road at an intersection is blocked off; in real time, the city

government will know how much traffic takes which side roads, how much of that traffic stops at the library, and how that intersection blockage affects—if at all—the electrical grid.

The Summit showcased Smart Yinchuan and engaged participants in topics such as the *Construction of Smart City and Cyber Security Development*, *Medical Development in the Construction of Smart City*, and *Informatization of Public Security in the Construction of Smart City*. Yinchuan has implemented a series of innovative measures and policies which has transformed Yinchuan to the Smart City it is today. It has become a Smart City model in the country earning various international and domestic awards such as being the “Leading Smart City of China”, as well as “Asia-Pacific’s Leading Smart City.”

Yinchuan, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region has been a sister-city of Yap State since 2011. The FSM Embassy attended this year’s Global Smart City Summit in Yinchuan to learn more about Smart Cities as well as to show its support towards the sister city relationship that exists between Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region and Yap State. The event also allowed the Embassy to share information with summit participants on the FSM as a tourism and foreign investment destination.

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