



Twinning Statement

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Schönbrunn Palace



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On the day of November 15, 2024

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姉妹城提携締結書
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シェーンブルン宮殿

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IMPERIAL LIVING

姫路市とシェーンブルングループは、姫路城とシェーンブルン宮殿の友好姉妹城連携の締結を宣言する。

日本の姫路城とオーストリアのシェーンブルン宮殿は、次の世代に守り伝えていくべき貴重な遺産であり、ユネスコが認定する世界遺産に登録された城郭として世界中の人々から大変愛されている。

両城はともに、それぞれが位置する地域や街とともに悠久の歴史を刻み、ふるさとを示す象徴として、そこに暮らす人々の心の中に刻まれている。

日本国及びオーストリアがそれぞれ誇りとする姫路城とシェーンブルン宮殿が有する歴史、文化をより理解し、世界の人々に伝え、守り育てていくことで、両国のさらなる発展と友好親善を進めるものである。

よって、姫路市とシェーンブルングループは、城郭同士の絆を確固たるものとし、相互理解と交流を深め、友情を育み、末永く交流することを確認し、ここに署名する。

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姫路市長
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