

## **Kiev – sister city to Chicago**

**Dear organizers, participants, and guests of the National exhibition of Ukraine in the USA!**

Upon holding the National exhibition of Ukraine in the USA, to which we are honored to invite Chicago residents, accept my cordial greetings from the entire Kiev community to all our Chicago friends.

On July 17, 1991, the two mayors announced Kiev and Chicago to be sister cities in order to develop traditional friendly relations between Chicago and Kiev and confirm mutual intention to work for well-being of their cities and nations.

Pursuing the policy of friendly cooperation, equality, and mutual benefits, we keep developing allied relations through expanding cultural and economic partnership and trade between the two cities. Current Kiev authorities strive for broad exchange in the fields of education, science and technology, sports and healthcare, etc., and contribute to welfare of our citizens following the principles of mutual respect and the will to strengthen friendly relationship.

Today Kiev as a capital city of independent Ukraine is a large economic, scientific, and cultural center of the state. The industries developing here are machine building, radio electronics, aircraft industry, light industry, and food processing. Modern Kiev is an economic, cultural, spiritual, and social center of Ukraine. It is the capital city with its recreation, museums, galleries, monuments, and culture. After the reconstruction, Kiev has all historical features – of the past, present, and future. We see ancient churches and contemporary architectural trends – and all of them are adorned with unique nature: flowers, parks, gardens, because Kiev is the greenest capital city in the world.

I am glad to realize that Chicago and Kiev are united with long-term history and collaboration. And I am confident that despite great distance, our friendship will get stronger, and many challenging projects upon sister cities' program are ahead for Kiev and Chicago.

I pin hopes the exhibition will be successful among visitors, which will have a chance to see the recent changes in Ukraine, while the dialogue started by American and Ukrainian businessmen at the event will continue in a prosperous way.

Taking this pleasant opportunity, I want to wish new work achievements to organizers, participants, and visitors of the National exhibition of Ukraine in the USA, and life successes and lucky fortune – to Chicago residents.

With the best regards,  
Kiev city mayor

Leonid Chernovetskiy