



Beşiktaş, July 3rd, 2020

Örsi Gergely
Mayor of II. District of Budapest

Dear Mr. Gergely,

At the local elections held on March 31, 2019 in Turkey, I was elected as the Mayor of Beşiktaş, the district where the very heart of Istanbul beats. Being one of the oldest districts of Istanbul with a history of thousands of years, Beşiktaş is one of the prominent centres of attraction in Istanbul thanks to its cultural heritage, natural beauties, and several distinguished universities as well as its quality of becoming the centre of the business world and cultural life.

Beşiktaş Municipality has many sister cities from significant parts of Europe, especially from Balkan countries. As it is well known, the purpose of having a sister city is to ensure regional or urban development, to maintain the peace, to protect our historical and cultural heritage.

Valuable Turkish mujahideen and Bektashi Dervish Gül Baba is one of the most important figures of Turkish-Hungarian friendship; he has served to spread of Turkish culture and civilization to the world with his presence, his humanitarianism, his sense of culture of living together, his determination, and his respect for the other.

Since the Tomb of Gül Baba which has a highly spiritual value for us is located in your region; in order to improve the friendship and cooperation between our cities within the framework of the sister city protocol, we aim to establish a strong relationship between the citizens of the two cities in many fields like culture, art and commerce.

In this context, we would like to sign a sister city protocol with the 2nd District Municipality of Budapest, with the aim of developing a friendship and a cooperation between our cities, sharing our experiences, and to reinforce the past friendship between two countries.

Looking forward to your response, I wish you good health and success in your current and future efforts.

Best regards,

Rıza Akpolat
Mayor of Beşiktaş