



# Long Beach City College

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### **Long Beach City College Horticulture Department To Participate At International Horticulture Expo in China**

*LBCC Exhibit Will Be the Culminating Activity at the International Trade Show*

**LONG BEACH, CA** – Beginning Saturday, April 19, 2014, members of the Long Beach City College (LBCC) Horticulture department will join members of the Long Beach Qingdao Association Sister City program in presenting a joint exhibition at the 2014 International Horticulture Exposition in Qingdao, China.

The 10-day visit and presentation is funded through the LBCC Horticulture Club via its various fund raising activities. Among those traveling and exhibiting are Brian Hastie, instructional support assistant for the LBCC Horticulture program, student leaders Ty Teissere and Sean Kite and Ken Starkman, LBCC's new Dean of Career and Technical Education programs.

"This is a unique opportunity for our students to participate on an international stage and showcase the caliber and quality of work LBCC's horticulture program is already known for locally," said Dean Starkman. "It also gives us a chance to engage with our sister city colleagues and view trends within the horticultural industry."

"As a student this experience is a once in a life time opportunity to learn from others and see the art of garden cultivation and management from a global perspective," said student Sean Kite, majoring in horticulture at LBCC. "I am excited to participate and represent the LBCC horticulture program."

The LBCC delegation will exhibit the "*History of Horticulture in Long Beach*" – a presentation of plant, tree and floral specimens from the Native, Rancho, Mid-Century and Modern era of Long Beach.

The theme at this year's International Expo is *From the Earth, For the Earth*. Over 12 million visitors are expected to attend the expo which includes over 241 hectares (nearly one square mile) of exhibit space including water, floriculture, science, green and international exhibit areas and parks.

The Long Beach City College Horticulture program began in 1976 and prepares students to be landscape designers, landscape contractors, greenhouse managers, and growers. The program focuses on landscaping and the general production and processing of plants, shrubs, flowers, foliage, trees, groundcovers, and related plant material. Program courses include: basic horticulture, plant identification, landscape construction, irrigation design, water conservation, turf maintenance practices, integrated pest management, licensing and certification, and business practices.

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