

Visitors And Studies Educate Us On China

Chicago is a preferred destination for officials from Mainland China – as attested in visits by President Hu Jintao; Shanghai Mayor Han Zheng, and, among others, Vice Governor Wang Limin, who led an 80-person delegation from Heilongjiang Province.

These visitors are bringing up-to-the minute perspectives on opportunities in China.

It is good news, then, that Chicago colleges, universities, schools, and representatives in state and national governments, are encouraging China studies.

An all-round understanding of this vast nation that is looking to the West for involvement in its development can also lead to more business with China – in sourcing, manufacturing, sales, and venturing.

Anita Tang, Managing Director



Chicago Is Connecting With Rich Yangtze Valley

When some 300 Chinese business and government leaders, and potential investors, gather in Nanjing May 8-10 to plan further development of the nation's richest inland region, they will also be getting some sound advice from their invited expert at World Business Chicago – the not-for-profit organization helping the City lead American cities in attracting investment.

Tom Bartkoski, Director of International Business Development for World Business Chicago, will address the Forum on how to create investment opportunities.

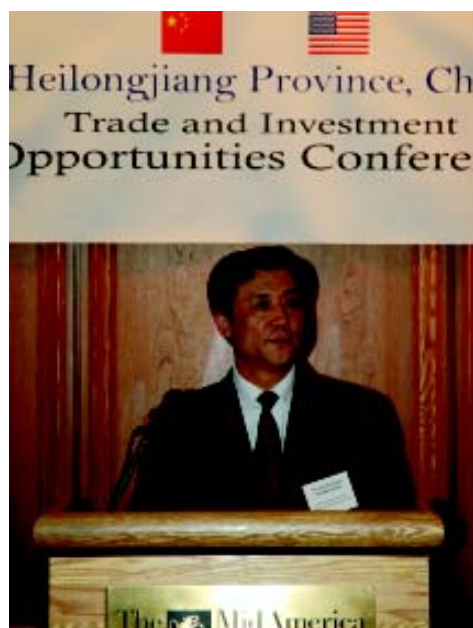
Mayor Richard M. Daley has already sent his best wishes for the event described as “2006 China Yangtze River Regional Economic Cooperation and Productivity Development Forum.”

He knowingly acknowledged the Forum's task, noting the similarity that “Chicago has developed and transformed itself again and again as the interior hub of the North American economy” and shared reasons why participants would find Chicago an asset for business.

The Yangtze River Economic Belt stretching west from Shanghai accounted for 46% of China's GDP in 2005 and is also home to some 38% of China's population. It is a crucial area for helping China build a country of largely middle-class families with per capita income of US\$3,000 by the year 2020.

Royal Roots Global Inc. is North America Organizer of the Forum.

Heilongjiang Province Shows Its Strengths



The 250 diners at the Mid-America Club 80 stories above the City were flanked by a giant screen flowing with views of Heilongjiang Province, China, and a wall of windows revealing the changing aspects of a sunlit Chicago.

It was a symbolic setting, because 80 delegates from Heilongjiang were in town, after a stop in Los Angeles and before a visit to Mexico City, to show what their far Northeast Province had to offer, and representatives of famous Chicago companies had come to report success in the Province.

Vice Governor Wang Limin (pictured) described Heilongjiang's current "Trade and Development Opportunities."

Other speakers included Deputy Director Zhu Deyi, Investment Promotion

Bureau of Heilongjiang Province; Peggy Parfenoff, Executive Director, International Visitors Center of Chicago; The Honorable Xu Jingzhong, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Chicago; Starr Tavenner, Director of Global Strategy & Alliances, Commercial Airplanes, The Boeing Company; John May, Director, China Operations, John Deere (China) Investment Co. Ltd., Beijing; and David Lum, Director, Asia/Pacific Product and Support Operations, Motorola.

International Visitors Center of Chicago was lead host for this May 7 luncheon event, with support by Boeing, John Deere, Motorola, The International Trade Club of Chicago, World Trade Center of Chicago, and Royal Roots Global Inc.

Hong Kong Comes Calling

Hong Kong has a lot to talk about in facilitating business with Mainland China, and two eloquent advocates recently made persuasive arguments for its case to attentive audiences in Chicago.

Ms. Sandra Lee, Permanent Secretary for Economic Development & Labor of the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, on January 20 told a packed Grand Ballroom at the Marriott Chicago O'Hare about new developments making Hong Kong a "premier inter-modal logistics hub."

Peter Woo, JP, Chairman of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, on March 29 shared with business and professional leaders gathered at the Four Seasons Hotel, Chicago, details about such new trade-beneficial actions as the Main-



land-Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement. Under CEPA beginning this year, the Mainland agrees to give all products of Hong Kong origin tariff-free treatment, except for a few prohibited areas. In general, the liberal-



ization measures will provide earlier access for Hong Kong service suppliers ahead of China's WTO timetable.

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Groups of Chicago teachers went to China for two-week explorations. Davis is rear center during Beijing visit.



Chicago Is A Leader In Teaching Chinese

When The Confucius Institute in Chicago opens May 10 at Walter Payton College Preparatory High School on the North Side, Chicago will have another feather in its cap celebrating a deepening relationship with China.

China's Ministry of Education sponsors 24 such Institutes throughout the world, and all are located at prestigious universities, except in Chicago, where it chose to partner with the Chicago Public Schools, which has an outstanding program in teaching Chinese language and culture.

Chicago's Confucius Institute will have an operating partner in the East China Normal University, which will provide a staff member, and be stocked with some 5,000 books about China.

"The Institute is here to serve the entire Midwest," says director Robert Davis, who also is manager of the CPS Chinese Connection Program. It will be a resource for developing teachers as well as, for example, being a source of cultural education for parents with adopted Chi-

nese children.

Chicago has been teaching Chinese in the public schools since 1999 and today there are 20 schools – 10 elementary and 10 high schools – where the program flourishes with some 3,500 students drawn from all of the City's ethnic mix. It is expected that five more schools will be added this year. It is the largest such program in the nation, and provides students with as many as 12 years of Chinese language and culture education.

"The Chinese Connection Program has been greatly supported by World Business Chicago and the Mayor and by parents, who are asking for it," Davis said.



Bell Elementary School, Chicago

Senator Obama Forms China Group

United States Senators Barack Obama (above), Democrat from Illinois, and Norm Coleman, Republican from Minnesota, are forming a new Senate policy group to gain better understanding of China's growing influence.

The Senate China Working Group will serve as a forum for discussion on the rise of China as a political, economic, and military actor in both the regional and global arenas and the implications for American interests.

This new Group will be created within the U.S.-China Inter-Parliamentary Group co-chaired in the United States by Senators Stevens (R-AK) and Inouye (D-HI).

"In this era where American children are no longer just competing with other students in Chicago and Boston but also with their counterparts in Shanghai and Beijing, it's crucial that we begin a dialogue about the future of China's growing political and economic influence on the global economy and the United States," said Obama.

China Commits To Renewable Energy

Throughout China, ways are being sought to implement the nation's new Renewable Energy Law, which went into effect January 1, 2006.

"The purpose of this law is to promote the development and utilization of renewable energy, increase energy supply, improve energy structure, safeguard energy security, protect the environment, and realize the sustainable development of the economy and society," says the law's First Article.

"Renewable energy in this law," explains the Second Article, "refers to wind energy, solar energy, hydro energy, biomass energy, geothermal energy, ocean energy, and other non-fossil fuel energy sources."



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In the quarter of a century preceding the Renewable Energy Law, China's growth astounded the world – with a GDP of more than nine percent for two decades. This growth came with destructive pollution and acid rain from increased burning of sulfurous coal to meet seemingly insatiable demands for energy. Now, the world's attention is on China's growth for the next 15 years and what effects may follow from efforts to build a country of largely middle-class families.

It is in this context of China's population growing to 1.6 billion by 2020 – with dramatically burgeoning needs for energy-consuming housing, appliances, manufacturing facilities, construction, and the toll taken by pollution – that the Renewable Energy Law came into being.

The outlook for increased use of renewable energy in China – still facing problems of acceptance by citizens and needing frameworks for pricing and regulation – is brightened by the backing of the Central government. In November 2005, Zhang Guo, Vice Minister of the powerful National Development and Reform Commission, said China would spend about US\$180 billion over the next 15 years to increase renewable energy to 15 percent of the total generated, from the current seven percent. China also is beginning to gain energy support from beyond its borders. For example, on February 7, 2006, the World Bank approved an US\$86 million loan for scaling up water and wind power.

Wind power has a big future in China. Some 43 wind farms now dot the countryside, and more are being planted.

Photo: Montfort, Wisconsin, wind farm with GE turbines, similar to China installations.



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The Windy City Also Seeks Energy

Chicago, "The Windy City," also is seeking energy from breezes that blow famously through its neighborhoods and skyscraper canyons.

Two wind turbines will start spinning this Spring atop the Daley Center and on eight North Side buildings designed by architect Helmut Jahn. Not tall windmills, they are 20-foot-long, 5-foot-wide horizontal cylinders containing a plastic sail to catch the wind. Designer-manufacturer: Bill Becker, professor at the University of Illinois Chicago.

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