

CHINA BUSINESS IMMERSION TRIP

China is the top priority for members of the World Trade Center Cleveland. Companies view it as some combination of market opportunity, competitive source of components, potential partner and looming threat. Unquestionably, it is a location which requires extensive, hands-on knowledge because of cultural and regulatory factors and the rapid pace of change. For this reason, we encourage companies to consider participation in the following business immersion trip.

No sightseeing tour, this is an in-country immersion into the practical business issues every company must understand before starting a China initiative. Capture insights from dozens of local executives and seasoned China line managers.

A U.S. based, half-day introductory seminar and eight action-packed days in China:

* Cleveland-based, China operating seminar from experienced operating managers with extensive China management track records

* Visit manufacturers, learn the regional and functional experiences straight from current foreign business executives

* Meet with AMCHAM, Western legal advisors, Chinese Development Zone Administrators, and functional executives from marquee companies.

Business decision makers and line operations managers exploring China business initia-

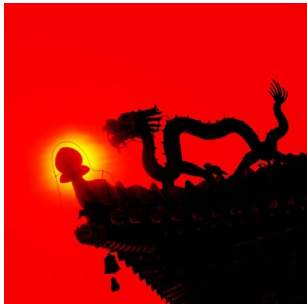
tives should attend this seminar. Executives need to understand the fabrics and dynamics of doing business in China or the competitive impacts China will have on U.S. markets. Many aspects of business in China are very different than those in the U.S. Without a solid understanding of these differences, and the resources available to your company, developing an effective China strategy is like walking through a minefield.

WHEN: March 24, 2006 - March 31, 2006

WHERE: Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou, Guangzhou, and Zhuhai

COST: \$2500 per person includes all presentations, materials and speakers, in-country transportation and meals. Round trip airfare to China is not included. Hotel reservations in China will be coordinated by China Centric, but rooms will be billed individually.

For more information, please contact Michael Corkran, Managing Partner, China Centric Associates at wm-corkran@china-centric.com or (440) 725-3394.



Mayor Frank Jackson to Give Inaugural State of the City Address to The City Club of Cleveland

CLEVELAND, OH—The Honorable Frank L. Jackson, mayor of the City of Cleveland, will give his inaugural State of the City address at noon on Thursday, February 23, 2006, to The City Club of Cleveland. The Friday Forum will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 777 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland.

A native Clevelander, Jackson attended public schools, earned his associates degree at Cuyahoga Community College, and earned his bachelors, masters and law degrees at Cleveland State University. He was elected to the Cleveland City Council in 1989 to represent Ward 5 and also served as chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee during the White administration.

In 2002, Jackson was elected by the 21-member City Council to serve as City Council president. In November 2005, he was elected to serve as Cleveland's 56th mayor.

"These State of the City addresses are not only a wonderful City Club tradition, they are an important part of our civic dialogue," said Jim Foster, executive director of The City Club of Cleveland. "There seems to be more interest in Mayor Jackson's address than we have ever seen for a State of the City."



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The Twinsburg Democratic Club would like to introduce itself to the Chinese community. The club exists to be the focal point for Democrats in the City of Twinsburg, Twinsburg Township, Reminderville, and surrounding communities.

The Twinsburg Democratic Club extends a warm invitation to our neighbors in the Chinese community to attend two forums that we think would be of interest to them:

On Wednesday, February 22nd, Paul Hackett (candidate for U.S. Senate) and Subodh Chandra (candidate for Ohio Attorney General) will be addressing our members at the Solon Community Center (Portz Pkwy, east of SOM Center Road). The event begins at 7:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 22nd, Sherrod

Brown (candidate for U.S. Senate) and Ted Strickland (candidate for Ohio governor) will be speaking, again at the Solon Community Center (Portz Pkwy, east of SOM Center Road). The program begins at 7:30 p.m.

These two events are being co-sponsored by the Twinsburg, Solon, and Hudson Democratic Clubs. The events are free to the public and provide an opportunity for voters to preview Democratic candidates.

For additional information, please call (330) 322-7022.

Sharon and Steve Shucard
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Hello Aspiring Leaders,

Our next NAAAP meeting for Asian Americans, friends and supporters, as announced at our January meeting, is, on Saturday FEBRUARY 26, 2006, 6:30-9:30pm

at a newly reopened Asian restaurant: C&Y Chinese Restaurant, 2222 St. Claire Ave. NE, Ohio-44114. [Between 20th & 23rd St.] (216) 566-1188.

In addition to meeting exciting other professionals, and eating healthy Asian food, we will learn about: Buying and Enhancing Our Home's Value.

This is an important topic for every upcoming Asian American professional.

REPORT RE: LAST MEETING

Our JANUARY 21 NAAAP meeting could have used more attendees, and some

new enthusiastic members. By attending and taking an active part, you make it worthwhile for all of us to come to such meetings.

We enjoyed the Chinese New Year celebrations and a boisterous lion dance going on not far from us, and switched our pre-scheduled presentations to an informal planning session. Everyone shared their views on the future of NAAAP in Cleveland.

Please ASPIRE YOURSELF and INSPIRE OTHERS to make our next meeting as exciting as our previous ones.

I Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on FEBRUARY 25, 2006.

Ray
President, NAAAP Cleveland

The Cleveland Venture of The National Association of Asian American Professionals (www.naaap.org)

Invites you to Aspire and Inspire on Saturday, February 25, 2006 From 6:30 to 9:30 pm @ C&Y Chinese Restaurant 2222 St. Claire Av. NE, Cleveland, OH 44114 [Between 20th and 23rd St.] (216) 566-1188

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AGENDA

6:30 Fellowship, snacks, and dinner
8:00 Buying/Enhancing your Home Value

Cost: \$15 per person
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