

Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy

California International Trade and Foreign Investment: Profile on China

Tuesday, March 13, Sacramento, California, in Room 126 at 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

The Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy and the Assembly Select Committee on Asia/California Trade and Investment Promotion are convening an informational hearing on the status and continuing economic opportunities with one of the State's largest trading partners: The People's Republic of China.

I. Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Statements

Chairs and members of the committees will provide opening remarks to set the structure and context for the hearing.

II. Remarks from the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China

Ren Faqiang, Deputy Consul General of the People's Republic of China in San Francisco to provide remarks on recent economic development activities between California and China.

III. Remarks from Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

Panorea Avdis, Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, will provide remarks on the role GO-Biz plays as California's primary point of contact for businesses and economic development.

Awinash Bawle, Deputy Director for International Affairs and Business Development, will provide an overview of how International Affairs directly supports businesses, here and abroad, on issues relating to expanding bi-lateral trade and investment opportunities with China, and other key trading partners.

Ruda Guo, commercial attaché in Chinese Consulate General Los Angeles, will provide remarks on the work the China provinces and US-California joint working group have done to-date to encourage trade and investment cooperation.

IV. Remarks from Trade Partner Panel

Panelists will share innovative and high impact initiatives their organizations are undertaking to support California businesses' access to markets in China; increase Chinese investment in California; and support the expansion of Chinese-owned businesses into California.

- *Darlene Chiu, Executive Director, ChinaSF*
- *Tim Kelley, President and CEO, Imperial Economic Development Corporation*
- *Peter Shiao, Chairman, CHINAWEEK*
- *Ray Bowman, Director, Small Business Development Center of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties*

V. Public Comment

Individuals interested in addressing the Committees may sign up to speak during the public comment period. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the hearing room. Written comments may also be submitted to the JEDE and ACTIP committee offices.

VI. Closing Remarks

Assembly Members will make closing remarks and offer recommendations for further actions.