



NAITA
North Alabama International Trade Association

NAITA & Export Alabama Alliance Briefing *Hong Kong & Alabama: Partners in Trade & Beyond*

Monday • September 22, 2008

**8:30 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast • 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Program
at the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County**

NAITA and the Export Alabama Alliance welcome Miss Margaret Fong, Hong Kong Commissioner, USA. Miss Fong assumed this post as the **most senior representative of Hong Kong in America** in 2006. As Commissioner, she directs the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government's (HKSARG) efforts in promoting the U.S.-Hong Kong economic and trade relationship, and leads the development and expansion of Hong Kong economic and business partnerships throughout the United States. Miss Fong also oversees the work of the three Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices (HKETO) in Washington, New York, and San Francisco. The mission of the HKETO is to represent the HKSARG in strengthening business, investment, and cultural ties between Hong Kong and the U.S.

Hong Kong is an ideal strategic platform for doing business in Asia, especially Mainland China. Hong Kong is a "free port" with virtually no duties or tariffs. Its strong rule of law, and respect for property rights make it an excellent partner for U.S. companies, especially small- and medium-size firms, seeking to do business in Asia. Hong Kong partners typically know, and have close links to, markets in Mainland China and the rest of Asia. Hong Kong is firmly committed to an open market policy for international trade and investment.

Hong Kong has been a Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China since July 1, 1997. The "One Country, Two Systems" principle provides the HKSAR a high degree of autonomy in economic, trade, financial and monetary matters. Hong Kong's importance as a regional center is firmly established, as well as the continuation of its capitalist economic and trade systems, free movement of goods and capital, and its status as a separate customs territory.

Early reservations are advised as seating is limited. The meeting will be held in the Auditorium at the Chamber of Commerce in Huntsville, 225 Church Street. From I-565, take Exit #19C toward Downtown.

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Reservations & cancellations must be received by September 18, 2008. If you are unable to attend, a substitute may be sent.
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