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Wayne County Delegation Arrives in Shanghai, China

County Executive, Business and Community Leaders build bridges with Chinese Government; Businesses

Shanghai, China – Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, accompanied by metro Detroit business and community leaders, have arrived in Shanghai, China, and will begin a full eight day schedule on November 12 by meeting with Chinese government officials and businesses, including a Chinese electric car manufacturer. The 26 person delegation will visit four Chinese cities over the duration of the mission: Shanghai, Nanjing, Chongqing, and Beijing. This is the sixth trade mission lead by Executive Ficano.

“My administration is committed to jobs and economic growth, and we need continued, open dialogue and partnership with the world’s largest economy,” said Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano. “This is the sixth mission I’ve had the privilege to lead to China, and the acquisition of Nexteer Automotive in Saginaw by Tempo Group earlier this summer demonstrates why these partnerships are important not only to economic growth but to existing industry in Michigan.”

In July 2010, Tempo Group, an organization Executive Ficano met and wooed on his first mission five years ago, acquired Nexteer Automotive, a General Motors subsidiary, keeping current operations constant, which included the UAW workforce. Over 2,000 jobs were preserved, with 800 directly in Michigan.

The delegation will visit government offices, business trade associations, and businesses in the automotive, environmental and green/alternative energy sectors.

“In order to move Michigan forward, we have to leverage our assets, which includes a skilled workforce, infrastructure, and accessibility to 60% of the nation’s population within 12 hours,” Ficano added. “This mission will communicate the partnership and commitment between all sectors while showcasing resources and assets unique to Michigan.”

Included in the delegation: Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Butzel Long Chairman and CEO Richard Rassel; SmithGroup Inc. CEO Carl Roehling; and representatives from Detroit International Auto Salon; City of Romulus; Clayton & McKerverey P.C.; Detroit Contracting; Detroit Regional Chamber; Grubb & Ellis; Hamadeh Education Services; Hamilton Anderson Associates; Home of Royal; Kauffman Foundation; Omnex Accounting & Tax Service; The Henry; Warner, Norcross & Judd; Wayne County; Wayne County Airport Authority; WWJ Newsradio AM 950.

The Delegation will be in Shanghai November 11-November 14; Nanjing November 14-15; Chongqing November 15-17, and Beijing November 17-19. The mission is sponsored through private funds. Follow the delegation:

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