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## Chester County Delegation Visited the Major Cities of China

The delegation from Chester County, the U.S. state of Pennsylvania, arrived in Beijing, the capital of China on 17 May 2017 and started its 11-day China trip. The main purpose of Chester County China trip is to bring new vitality to its economy, tourism, investment, environmental protection and other industries. Chloe Wang, associate at Shimin Law Offices, was a member of the delegation on behalf of Shimin Law Offices and participated in the whole China trip with other delegates from the government, enterprises, and university in Chester County. The delegation visited Beijing, Xi'an, Chongqing, Yangzhou and Shanghai, with the full support services provided by Shimin Law Offices.

The Chester County delegation had meetings with the local government officials, including Ruicheng Liu, Deputy Director-General of Beijing Yanqing District; Fei Wang, Deputy Director of Administrative Committee of Xi'an Xixian New District and Zhenfeng Kang, Director of Investment Promotion Bureau of Xi'an Xixian New District; Jun Fang, Director-General of Chongqing Yongchuan District; Yang Yang, Deputy Mayor of Yangzhou City and other officials. In the meetings, Chester County and the local government introduced the general information of their culture, environment and economy respectively, and exchanged their experience in developing the industries such as agriculture, health care, education, environmental protection, energy conservation and tourism. They also agreed on the matters regarding the continuous communications between each other and the cooperations among enterprises.



Shanghai was the last stop of Chester County China trip. Under the arrangement of Shimin Law Offices, the delegation had meetings with the enterprises and associations from Shanghai and surrounding areas focusing on investment, finance, operation of free trade zone, R&D of pharmaceuticals, environmental protection and energy conservation, education and development of small and medium sized enterprises. They shared a lot in common in the fields of R&D of pharmaceuticals, environmental protection and energy conservation and education. Shimin Law Offices will serve as the contact point for Chester County in China, assist the enterprises and associations in cooperation and development, and make their respective advantages complementary to each other.

The delegation of Chester County visited Shanghai Waigaoqiao International Trade Operating Center. The delegates were introduced the preferential policies of Shanghai Free Trade Zone for import and export, information of the specialized markets, as well as its exhibition hall for products from other countries.

The delegates of Chester County China trip are: Terence Farrell (Commissioner of Chester County), Mike Grigalonis (COO of Chester County Economic Development Council), Susan Hamley (Executive Director of Chester County Conference & Visitors Bureau), Chad Byers (Managing Partner of Symmetrical Investment Group), Janice Kelsey (Co-Founder/Vice President of Solar CITIES), Jason Zhu (Chairman of Eternity International Trading Company Inc.), Michael DeThomas (President & CEO of Occidental Capital), JingJing Lin (Graduate Student of West Chester University) and Jiaying Wang( Associate at Shimin Law Offices).



Located in the southeast corner of the state of Pennsylvania, Chester County is close to major cities in the eastern US such as Philadelphia, New York and Washington DC. Chester County is an area steeped in history and tradition that has evolved into a vibrant, fast-growing county with a diverse and expanding economy. It is the destination of choice to work, to live and to raise a family. Chester County is one of the wealthiest counties in the United States with the highest median income in Pennsylvania. The residents are the best educated and are among the healthiest in the state. The county government has earned and maintained the highest ratings, Triple-A, from Standard and Poor's, Fitch Ratings and Moody's Investors Service for 10 consecutive years. More than 15,000 small, medium and large regional, national and international businesses choose to have offices located in Chester County.

Chester County's economy encompasses many industries, from agriculture and manufacturing, to retail and wholesale trade, the service industry, finance, insurance and real estate. The county is home to many leading international corporate names such as Siemens, QVC, Endo Pharmaceuticals, Lockheed Martin, Sikorsky Global Helicopters, CTDI, Unisys, Vanguard and ArcelorMittal Steel. In education, seven colleges and universities are located in Chester County and one of the largest International Baccalaureate World Schools is located there. Besides, Chester County has the highest rate of owner-occupied homes and the highest median housing value in the state of Pennsylvania.

The Chester County Economic Development Council (CCEDC) has promoted smart growth in Chester County and the surrounding region for more than 55 years. It offers financing solutions, cultivates workforce talent, leverages business partnerships, and fosters entrepreneurial collaboration. To develop a successful international business trade to, and from, Chester County, the CCEDC created the Chester County International Business Council. It provides peer-to-peer mentoring, counseling and strategic services to local companies doing business internationally, and to businesses located throughout the world that are interested in establishing a presence in the United States.

For more information about Chester County, you can visit the following websites:

Chester County: <http://chesco.org>

Chester County Economic Development Council: <http://ccedcpa.com>

Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau: <http://brandywinevalley.com>

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