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Honolulu business people visit China

The Hong Kong China Hawaii Chamber of Commerce led a delegation of Honolulu business people to Shanghai and Beijing Thursday.

"We are very excited and looking forward to the meetings lined up. We expect them to yield positive results," said executive director Johnson Choi.

Choi said such missions usually have direct government sponsors or partners in China, and he was concerned at first that the lack of such direct state involvement might result in a cooler reception.

"To our surprise," he said, "our counterpart and collaboration partners welcome a pure business mission to focus only on the business agenda."

Choi said this mission was funded entirely by private interests, and that this time they would represent business interests from outside Hawaii as well.

Hawaii state officials were involved in a large trade mission to China late last year, but the Hong Kong China Hawaii Chamber of Commerce has been conducting business meetings of this sort for years, sometimes several times a year, originally focusing on Hong Kong but now looking to other Chinese cities as well. Hawaii officials and business people who have dealt with Chinese officials and business executives there say the Chinese tend to view Hawaii as the one part of America that has some understanding of China.

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