

Dear Business Associate:

The Jay Malina International Trade Consortium (ITC) is planning a **Business Buying Mission** to Osaka, Japan and Taipei, Taiwan May 26 to June 5, 2009. We are seeking interested business partners to join us in this important mission in the following sectors:

- Apparel, Textiles, and Designs
- Biotechnology and Life Sciences
- Import & Export (General Merchandise)
- Appliances, Computers, and Electronics
- Environmental "Green" Industries
- IT and Telecommunications
- Pharmaceuticals

Mission participants will have an opportunity to engage in business to business meetings with their local counterparts and participate in a number of networking functions during the mission. We are **estimating** the costs of the mission at \$4200 pending confirmation of airfare and hotels. Below we have outlined the salient characteristics of these two cities in the Orient as well as contact information. We are certain that your participation will be most productive as you join us in promoting Miami-Dade as a Global Gateway.



OSAKA, JAPAN

Japan, with a population of 127 million, is the United States fourth (4th), and South Florida's twenty-second (22nd), largest trading partner. In 2007, Japan entered the billion dollar trade club with the Miami Customs district. Total bilateral trade between South Florida and Japan amounted to \$1.15 billion while total trade value between Japan and the United States was \$208 billion.

The U.S.-Japan economic relationship is very strong and mutually advantageous. The two economies are highly integrated via trade in goods and services.

Mission participants will visit Osaka, Japan's third most populous city (2.6 million inhabitants). Osaka has one of Japan's leading ports, and renowned for its manufacturing centers and world famous international airport. Osaka is the largest center of commerce, finance, and information exchange in Japan after Tokyo. Osaka is an industrial city that has developed as a hub of next-generation robotics, combining a rich cultural past with a sophisticated high-tech industrial base. Osaka is a former great feudal capital, where a gracefully reconstructed castle now shares the skyline with a vibrant modern city.



Osaka Castle, Japan



TAIPEI, TAIWAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Taiwan is one of the four "*Tigers of Asia*," and a dynamic capitalist economy with a population of 23 million. Taiwan is the United States ninth (9th) trading partner and total trade between both nations amounted to \$64.7 billion in 2007. Taiwan ranks as South Florida's thirty-first (31st) trade partner with total bilateral trade valued at \$532 million (2007). In addition, Taipei County and Miami-Dade County have been engaged in a Sister City Agreement since 1989.

Taiwanese firms are the world's largest suppliers of computer monitors and are leaders in Personal Computer manufacturing. The electronics sector is Taiwan's most important industrial export sector and is the largest recipient of U.S. investment.

Mission participants will visit Taiwan's capital city, Taipei, and will have the opportunity to participate in the 2009 COMPUTEX TAIPEI: One of the world's largest Information and Communications Technology (ICT) exhibition show and the world's leading ICT procurement platform. Taipei city is part of a major industrial area, with a population of approximately 3 million residents.



Taipei 101 - World's tallest building since 2004

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