



**JAY MALINA INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM (ITC)
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

BUYING MISSION TO JAPAN & TAIWAN

May 26th to June 5th, 2009

February 25th 2009

Dear Friends:

We are delighted to invite you to participate in ITC's Buying Mission to Japan and Taiwan, scheduled from May 26 to June 5, 2009, to capitalize on the business opportunities in these two markets. This will be Miami-Dade County's first official mission to both destinations.

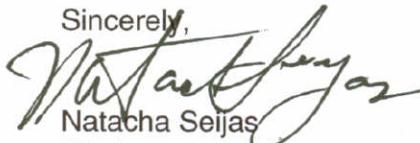
Japan and the United States are the two largest economic powers in the world. Together they account for over forty percent of the world's domestic product, and for a significant portion of international trade in goods and services. The two economies are highly integrated via trade in goods and services, and they represent large markets for their exports and imports. Japan entered the billion dollar "trade club" with the Miami Customs District in 2007, and bilateral trade increased to \$1.5 billion in 2008. Japan is South Florida's 20th trade partner.

The United States commercial ties with Taiwan have been maintained and have continued to expand since 1979. Taiwan is one of the *Four Tigers of Asia*, Taiwanese firms are the world's largest suppliers of computer monitors and leaders in Personal Computer manufacturing. Taiwan ranks as South Florida's 31st trade partner with total bilateral trade valued at \$597 million, in 2008. Taipei County and Miami-Dade County have been engaged in a Sister City Agreement since 1989.

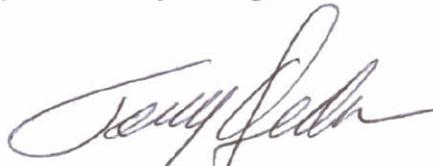
During this historic mission to Osaka and Taipei, participants will have the unique opportunity to highlight Miami-Dade County as a Global Gateway and Hemispheric platform for trade, and explore ways to increase bilateral trade between Miami-Dade County and Japan and Taiwan companies. Mission participants will meet with high level government officials, receive trade briefings, attend one of the largest IT trade shows (Computex Taipei), participate in business-to-business matchmaking meetings, and network with businesses and chambers of commerce in both cities.

We are certain the mission will be worthwhile for you and for your organization, and we look forward to having you join us on May 26th.

Sincerely,



Natacha Seijas
Chair



J. A. Ojeda, Jr.
Executive Director



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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd, 2009

STANDARD PACKAGE INCLUDES

ROUNDTRIP TRAVEL

- Miami - Los Angeles - Osaka - Taipei - Osaka – Los Angeles - Miami.

LODGING

- **5 nights** hotel lodging in **Osaka** with breakfast [May 27 - June 1, 2009]
- **4 nights** hotel lodging in **Taipei** with breakfast [June 1 - June 4, 2009]

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

- Airport transfers
- Transfers from hotels to official venues.

OFFICIAL MEETINGS

- Official meetings with high level government officials
- In-country briefings by U.S. Foreign Commercial Service
- Business to Business meetings

MEALS

- Four offered meals

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

OSAKA HILTON HOTEL

1-8-8 Umeda, Kita-ku Osaka, 530-0001

AGORA GARDEN HOTEL, TAIPEI

68 Sung-Kao Road, Hsin-Yi District, Taipei

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

U.S. citizens require a valid **passport** and roundtrip tickets for entry into Japan and Taiwan (for visits less than 3 months).

QUICK FACTS ABOUT JAPAN & TAIWAN

The unit of currency for Japan is the Japanese Yen (JPY) and the New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$) for Taiwan. Major credit cards and travelers' checks are widely accepted. Osaka, Japan is 13 hrs, and Taiwan is 12 hrs, ahead of Miami EST Zone, respectively.

For additional information regarding travel, please contact:

Consulate General of Japan

Brickell Bay View Center, Suite 3200
80 SW 8th Street, Miami, FL 33130
Tel: 305-530-9090; Fax: 305-530-0950

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami

2333 Once de Leon Blvd., Suite 600
Coral Gables, FL 33134
Tel: 305-443-8917; Fax: 305-442-6054

**Non-Refundable And Non-Transferable
Mission Costs Per Person: \$ 4050**

Full Payment Due Date: April 2nd, 2009

[See Registration Form for Details]

If you have any additional information about this mission to Japan & Taiwan, please contact:

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MAY 26 - JUNE 5, 2009

PARTICIPANTS INFORMATION & PROFILE

(Please complete and return this form to the ITC with payment)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____

[Name as it appears on your passport]

Nationality: _____ Passport Number: _____

Indicate Any Special Needs: _____

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

Name of Business Organization: _____

Your Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail: _____ Website: _____

Business Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Year Established: _____ Number of Employees: _____

INDICATE YOUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS MISSION:

DESCRIBE YOUR PRODUCTS/SERVICES:

INDICATE THE AGENCIES/BUSINESSES YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET DURING THIS MISSION:

IMPORTANT!

Please attached a paragraph of your biographical information and a recent passport-sized photograph. The information you provide will be used in the mission brochure.



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PARTICIPANTS REGISTRATION FORM
(Please complete and return this form to the ITC with payment)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____
[As it appears on your passport]

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A. ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE ROUTE & COST PER PERSON	STANDARD COST	PARTICIPANT'S COST
MIA-LOS ANGELES-OSAKA-TAIPEI-OSAKA-LOS ANGELES-MIA <small>(Please indicate your seating preference <input type="checkbox"/> Aisle <input type="checkbox"/> Window <input type="checkbox"/> Exit Row)</small>		
Economy Class on American Airlines (AA) and Eva Airways	\$1600	
Economy class on AA and Elite Class on Eva Airways <small>(Miami-Dade County Policy Prohibits Purchasing Elite Class Tickets With County Funds For County Employees)</small>	\$1890	
Economy class on AA and Business Class on Eva Airways <small>(Miami-Dade County Policy Prohibits Purchasing Business Class Tickets With County Funds For County Employees)</small>	\$4380	
B. LODGING <i>Includes room, breakfast, and applicable taxes</i>		
HILTON OSAKA HOTEL, JAPAN Single occupancy at \$200 per room x 5 nights (May 27 - Jun 1, 2009) Double occupancy at \$250 per room x 5 nights	\$1000 \$1250	
AGORA GARDEN HOTEL TAIPEI, TAIWAN Single occupancy at \$200 per room x 4 nights (June 1 - June 5, 2009) Hotel cost for double occupancy at \$240 per room x 4 nights	\$800 \$960	
TOTAL LODGING		
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: I WILL SHARE MY ROOM WITH _____		
C. REGISTRATION FEE PER PARTICIPANT <small>[Includes briefing, administrative costs, transportation, meetings, possible currency fluctuations, surcharges and offered meals]</small>	\$650	\$650
D. ADDITIONAL CHARGES - IF APPLICABLE * SEE "IMPORTANT MISSION INFORMATION" BELOW	/ / / / / / / / / /	
GRAND TOTAL [A + B + C + D]		

METHOD OF PAYMENT

AMOUNT ON CHECK: _____ **CHECK #:** _____

TO REGISTER PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM AND THE PARTICIPANTS' PROFILE [ONE PER PERSON]. MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: TRADE MISSION CENTER OF THE AMERICAS, INC. (A 5% OF FACE AMOUNT OF CHECK WILL BE CHARGED FOR NON-SUFFICIENT FUND (BAD) CHECKS.)

DETACH AND SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION PACKAGE TO:

THE JAY MALINA INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM [ITC] OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

MAILING ADDRESS: 111 NW First Street, 25th Floor, Suite 2560, Miami, FL 33128. TEL: 305-375-5808; FAX: 305-679-7895.

IMPORTANT MISSION INFORMATION!

The number of participants is limited to 20, on a first-come-first-served basis.
 Registration fee, lodging and airfare costs are non-refundable and non-transferable after payment.

The following additional charges also apply:

- A. \$150 for all deviations from official travel dates.
- B. \$150 for participants making their own travel and or lodging arrangements or both.
- C. \$150 for participants traveling to one city only.
- D. \$150 late registration fee for participants filing after April 2nd, 2009.

Your signing of this registration form binds you to all the terms and requirements of this mission. ITC reserves the right of cancellation and the right to change the mission program/ itinerary on-site, based on unforeseen circumstances. Participants agrees, at all times and hereafter, to hold harmless and indemnify the ITC, TMC, its staff and board of Directors, contributing organizations, sponsors, agents, affiliates and volunteers from errors, omissions, or actions that may result from this mission.