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GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE



The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta (TECO) is one of 12 offices under the Washington D.C. – based Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO), Taiwan's de facto embassy in the United States in the absence of diplomatic ties. TECRO was established in 1979 to represent Taiwan's interests in US.



TECO Atlanta serves the following southeastern states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina. TECO offers services dedicated to promoting cooperation and mutual understanding between Taiwan and United States in economic, cultural, and other areas. TECO was established in Atlanta in 1974.



The Commercial Division of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta is an overseas branch of the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA). The Commercial Division promotes trade and economic relations between Taiwan and the Southeastern States mentioned above as well as Puerto Rico, and the U.S Virgin Islands.

The Asian-American Chamber of Commerce promotes the development and growth of Asian-American owned businesses

Sister city relationships include Atlanta and Taipei, Brunswick and I-Lan, Columbus and Taichung, and Macon and Kaohsiung Municipality.

Representatives from Taiwan's industrial, academic, research, and government sectors attended the 2009 BIO International Convention held in Atlanta. The convention gives companies the opportunity to exhibit new biotechnology.

TRADE RELATIONSHIP

Taiwan was the 16th largest export destination for Georgia products and Georgia ranked 16th among states exporting to Taiwan in 2008. Georgia led among states in exports of salt, sulfur, earth, and stone; wood; and textile floor coverings and ranked 2nd in exports of woodpulp. Georgia ranked 3rd in exports of organic chemicals and cotton and woven yarn. The state exported nearly \$377 million worth of goods in 2008.

In 2008 the Port Authority of Savannah ranked 7th among U.S. ports in imports from Taiwan. Taiwan ranked 12th among importers into the Port Authority of Savannah. Top imports included: electrical machinery, machinery, iron and steel products, vehicles, not railway, and iron and steel. Georgia imported \$1.25 billion worth of goods in 2008.



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CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Georgia companies with operations in Taiwan:

American Megatrends, Inc.
CIBA Vision Corp.
Crawford & Co.
Global Payments, Inc.
Hooters of America, Inc.
Inovis, Inc.
Invesco Ltd.

Onity
PRG-Schultz International, Inc.
Recall Corp.
Russell Corp.
United Parcel Service, Inc.
UPS Supply Chain Solutions

Taiwanese Companies with operations in Georgia:

China Airlines Ltd.
Daystone International Corp.
Design & Character Co.
Dimerco Express
Duro Tire & Wheel
Eva Airways
Evergreen America Corp.
Fu Hsing Americas, Inc.
Genera Corp.
J-M Manufacturing Co., Inc.

Jaeger USA, Inc.
Maxxis Corp.
PD Sixty Distributots, Inc.
Sampo Technology, Inc.
Scanwell Freight Express, Inc.
T & R Enterprise USA, Inc.
Tatung Company of America, Inc.
TEST-RITE Productions Corp.
U.S. Group Consolidator, Inc.
Yang Ming

TRANSPORTATION

Delta Airlines offers daily flights to Taipei with one stopover in Los Angeles.

The Port of Savannah offers 5 weekly shipping services to Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

In the fall of 2007, 325 students from Taiwan studied in the University System of Georgia.

The Culture Center of TECO Atlanta provides overseas Taiwanese communities with assistance regarding cultural activities, Taiwanese and Mandarin language teaching, social functions, seminars, libraries, literature, etc.

The Taiwanese School of Atlanta promotes Taiwanese heritage and culture in metro Atlanta. They offer weekend classes in Taiwanese and Chinese as well as a variety of other programs.

