



GEORGIA - CHINA COUNTRY CONNECTION

Government and Commerce

The Chinese Consulate General in Houston, Texas serves eight U.S. states, including Georgia. Wei Cai has served as Consul General since August 2019.

The state of Georgia has had continuous representation in China since 2007. Its office promotes investment, trade, and cultural activities between Georgia and China. The state of Georgia leads regular economic development mission to China.

Georgia-based organizations such as the Georgia China Alliance, National Association of Chinese-Americans (NACA), Chinese Business Association of Atlanta (CBAA), and U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association (USCPFA) help foster business connections between Georgians and Chinese professionals.

Georgia has three sister city agreements with China: Brunswick-Ganzhou, Hinesville-Yichun, and Savannah-Jiujiang. Two Georgian cities have friendship-city relationships: Sandy Springs-Taicang and Tifton-Linyi

Georgia and the province of Shandong are members of the Regional Leaders Summit (RLS), a strategic alliance of seven international regions from five continents fostering the exchange of best practices on topics of mutual interest. Other members include Upper Austria, Austria; São Paulo, Brazil; Québec, Canada; Bavaria, Germany; and Western Cape, South Africa. Georgia hosted the 2014 Regional Leaders Summit in Atlanta; the 2020 edition will be held in Linz, Austria with the theme of "Smart Regions."

In commemoration of the 40th anniversary of U.S.-China diplomatic normalization in 2019, The National Association of Chinese-Americans (NACA), in conjunction with The Carter Center, hosted a celebration at Fernbank Natural History Museum. The event includes a special appearance by former President Jimmy Carter, who presided over the normalization of relations between the U.S. and China in 1979.

Academics

The University System of Georgia (USG) offers 39 study abroad programs to China in a variety of academic disciplines. As of Fall 2018, 4,513 Chinese students were enrolled in USG schools. Georgia's private colleges and universities host an additional 3,000 Chinese students every year.

The UGA College of Public Health partners with the Jiangsu Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Shanghai Pudong New Area Centre for Disease Control and Prevention to provide fieldwork opportunities and to conduct joint public health research. UGA is also a U.S. partner in a new Chinese-government funded International Joint Research Laboratory for Lipid Nutrition at Jiangnan University.

Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) has a permanent campus in Hong Kong, and Georgia Tech maintains a campus in Shenzhen.

Emory University provides faculty-led study abroad to Nanjing and Beijing as well as an exchange program with Hong Kong Baptist University.

Additionally, six Confucius Institutes are housed at Georgia universities.

The Georgia-based Chinese American Cultural Performing Group (CACPG) annually celebrates a mid-autumn festival with its Atlanta August Moon Chinese Cultural Gala Performance.

In 2018, approximately 59,800 tourists from China visited Georgia, spending more than \$129.7 million, making it a top volume tourism market for the state. The U.S.-China Tourism Leadership Summit was held in Atlanta in September 2017, attended by both Former Governor Nathan Deal and Former Mayor Kasim Reed.

International Trade

EXPORTS: IN 2019, Georgia exports to China totaled **\$2.3 billion**. China is the 4th largest export market for Georgia.

Top exports from Georgia to China include chemical woodpulp (other than dissolving grades), civilian aircraft, medical instruments, chemical woodpulp (dissolving grades) and Kraft paper and paperboard.

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to China: Kraft paper and paperboard, kaolin and peanuts.

IMPORTS: In 2019, Georgia imports from China totaled **\$19.8 billion**. China ranks first among Georgia's importer nations.

Top imports to Georgia from China include plastic floor coverings, computers, furniture, toys and seats.

Capital Investment

There are at least **63** Georgia companies with operations in China, including but not limited to:

- Alston & Bird
- Avanos Medical
- Chart Industries
- Exide Technologies
- Georgia-Pacific
- NCR Corporation
- Novelis
- Porex Corporation
- Troutman Sanders

There are several major Chinese facilities operating in Georgia, including SANY America in Peachtree City and Hisense Electronics in Suwanee.

Transportation

Delta Air Lines offers one-connection flights from Atlanta to Beijing and a non-stop flight to Shanghai.

The Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) in Savannah has an established relationship with eight port cities in China. The GPA offers regular shipping services from the port of Savannah to the ports of Ningbo, Qingdao, Shanghai, Shekou, Xiamen, Xingang/Tianjin and Yantian. The Port of Brunswick also offers shipping services to Guangzhou/Xinsha, Shanghai and Tianjin/Xingang. GPA's China representative for the Port of Savannah is Captain Charles You.

About GDEcD

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) plans, manages and mobilizes state resources to attract new business investment to Georgia, drive the expansion of existing industry and small business, locate new markets for Georgia products, inspire tourists to visit Georgia and promote the state as a top destination for arts events and film, music and digital entertainment projects. For more information, visit www.georgia.org.

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