



GEORGIA - HONG KONG COUNTRY CONNECTION

Government and Commerce

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in New York City serves the state of Georgia, providing governmental counsel on trade and fielding questions from potential importer and exporters. Candy Nip serves as the director for the New York office, and Eugene Hanratty, located in Atlanta, serves as senior consultant.

The Hong Kong Association of Atlanta is a non-profit organization that promotes business and economic ties and fosters mutual understanding between the United States and Hong Kong.

In 2015, the Hong Kong Commissioner for Economic Trade and Affairs, Clement Leung, met with Former Governor Deal during his visit to Atlanta to discuss U.S.-Hong Kong economic and trade relations. Mr. Leung also served as host for the Carter Center's Hong Kong Chinese New Year Reception.

Academics

The University System of Georgia (USG) offers at least three study abroad programs to Hong Kong in a variety of academic disciplines. In Fall 2018, 80 students from Hong Kong enrolled in USG schools.

The Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) has a campus in Hong Kong, which offers courses in advertising, graphic design, illustration, interactive design and game development, motion media design, photography and visual effects.

Emory University provides a Global Internship Program in Hong Kong.

The Georgia Institute of Technology offers three exchange programs to different universities in Hong Kong.

Arts, Culture and Tourism

The annual Atlanta Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival is Georgia's biggest Hong Kong cultural event of the year. Thousands of competitors and spectators join together for what is regarded as one of the premier cultural diversity events in the Atlanta area.

Travel from Hong Kong to Georgia reached 2,800 total visitors in 2018, with visitors spending \$5.6 million.

International Trade

EXPORTS: In 2019, Georgia exports to Hong Kong totaled **\$632.5 million**, a 2% increase over the previous year. Hong Kong is the **16th** largest export market for Georgia.

Top exports from Georgia to Hong Kong include civilian aircraft, poultry, cellular telephones, chemical woodpulp and zinc powders.

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to Hong Kong: poultry, chemical woodpulp and zinc powders.

IMPORTS: In 2019, Georgia imports from Hong Kong totaled **\$143.1 million**. Hong Kong ranks **50th** among Georgia's importer nations.

Top imports to Georgia from Hong Kong include spectacles and goggles, cellular telephones, plastic containers, electrical static converters and electric storage batteries.

Investment

There are at least **35** Georgia companies with operations in Hong Kong, including but not limited to:

- Arris Group
- Eversheds Sutherland
- First Data Corporation
- InComm
- Interface
- Shaw Industries Group
- Ventiv Technology

Hong Kong has at least **22 facilities in Georgia**, of which at least 5 are manufacturing locations. These that employ more than 630 Georgians.

Transportation

Delta Air Lines offers daily one-stop connection flights from Atlanta to Hong Kong.

The Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) in Savannah has an established relationship with Hong Kong. GPA offers 5 regular shipping services to the port of Hong Kong. The Port of Brunswick also provides shipping service to the port of Hong Kong.

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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