



MEMORANDUM¹

To: AACC Board Members
From: Dr. Nguyen-Trung Hieu, President of the AACC Board of Directors
Copy: Governor's Office
Re: Outcomes of January 25th meeting with Governor Pat Quinn
Date: 1/31/13

I am pleased to report to you the 3 outcomes of the January 25th Board meeting with Governor Pat Quinn as follows:

1. The **Governor and the AACC Board will hold periodic meetings** so that the Governor can receive community input from AACC. Listed are some areas for collaborative partnership:
2. The **Governor will appoint a Special Assistant to the Governor for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders' Services** in his immediate office and he welcomes recommendations from the AACC board president. This appointment will have to be made quickly and ready to announce at the AACC Gala on Saturday, February 23, 2013.
3. The **Governor will share the AACC Board's issues and priorities with the President** when he attends the National Governors Association meeting in Washington, DC during the weekend of February 23, 2013.

MEETING WITH GOVERNOR PAT QUINN
January 25, 2013 – 4:00 P.M.
Governor's Office

Meeting purpose: To strengthen the partnership and cooperation between the State of Illinois and the Asian American community through participation in business development and cultural/educational contributions to Illinois as state and global citizens.

AACC PARTNERSHIP PROPOSALS TO THE GOVERNOR

1. Proposals to bring more jobs for Illinois

Background: More than 50% of Global Trade happens in Asia. The number of Asian American Businesses in the U.S. States is only 1.5 millions of about 6 millions minority businesses in total.

- Attract new business from Asia to Illinois with tax and other incentives
- Collaborate with cities throughout Asia

2. Proposals to help improve Illinois student achievement

- Illinois schools could learn from Korean & Singapore Models
- Asian School Administrators in Chicago

3. Proposals to increase Illinois exports to Asia

Background: The President's National Export Initiative outlines a plan to double U.S. export by 2014 and create several million export related jobs here at home. U.S. exports are on track to exceed 2011's record-breaking \$2.1 trillion in U.S. exports. The significant export growth we've seen since 2009 has contributed to America creating 5.4 million private-sector jobs over the past 32 months. With 95% of the world's consumers living outside the United States; and according to the International Monetary Fund - over 80% of the world's economic growth coming from outside the United States.

4. Proposals to bring about results for the above proposals

¹ We wish to thank Jaz Park and Doug Nguyen for preparing and editing this report.



- Assign a staffer from Governor's Office to be the contact point with AACC for reporting to the Governor on the results of our work.
- Appoint a Special Assistant to the Governor for Asian Americans to work on these initiatives.

Suggested Action Plan for Illinois:

- Join the Partnership with the Asian American Community by assigning a representative to work on Exporting issues
- Participate in upcoming Global Business Forums on February 23 (AACC) and June 29, 2013
- Establish, share, and track goals for Exports to Asia

THE GOVERNOR'S RESPONSES TO AACC PROPOSALS:

I. The Governor and the AACC Board will hold periodic meetings so that the Governor can receive community input from AACC. Listed are some areas for collaborative partnership:

1. **Outreach assistance** on promoting the federal earned income tax credit program for low-to-middle income families with children. Families are "leaving money on the table" by not applying for the tax credit. The Governor will be conducting an outreach event on Saturday February 16, 2013 at Truman College; the Governor has 3 staff members dedicated to this program.
2. Issues pertinent to Asia before his scheduled **trip to Japan and Korea in 2013**;
3. The Governor can **work with AACC/AABE** to reach out to small business owners regarding Access to Credit and Capital issues through the program "Advantage Illinois";
4. The Governor would like the AACC Board's input on ideas on how to further develop **IL's Sister River** arrangements with more countries.
5. Opportunities to serve on various **state boards** were also mentioned.

II. The Governor will appoint a Special Assistant for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in his immediate office and he welcomes recommendations from the AACC board president. This appointment will have to be made quickly and ready to announce at the Gala on Saturday, February 23, 2013.

The Governor recently appointed a new staffer assigned to work on trade/exporting issues as well. He will not be able to attend the Global Business Forum on the 23rd but will ensure that an appropriate representative from his office attends to kick off the event at 1pm at the Hyatt.

III. The Governor will be attending the National Governors Association meeting in Washington, DC during the weekend of February 23, 2013. He will be meeting with President Obama and **will share the AACC Board's issues and priorities with the President**, who is keenly interested in the "Pacific Century."

The Governor will attend and speak at the Global Business Forum of the Asian American Business Expo on Saturday, June 29, 2013 at IIT; he will be able to speak on Illinois' focus on increasing our state's exports to Asian countries and how to increase FDI's in IL, and the partnership role that of Asian American community organizations such as AACC can play towards meeting those goals.

The following are unedited photos of the meeting taken by AACC photographer Dave Vasudevan:





