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## **LOCAL DELEGATION RECEIVES RED CARPET TREATMENT IN DAEGU & SHANGHAI**

The local delegation of leaders who were invited by President Jung-Ho Sea to visit Ajin's facilities in Daegu, South Korea and Shanghai, China, were not aware that they were embarking upon a trip of a lifetime. The group included members from the Local Legislative delegation: Sen. Benefield & Reps. Laird and Bridges, IDA Board & Staff: K. Pigg, C. Baldwin, R. Hemrick, L. Nix, C. Yeats and V. Gray, Chambers County Commissioners and Staff:, C. Hardage, D. Wood, W. White, D, Kendrick, S. McCoy, Valley City Manager: T. Bryan, State of Alabama: H. Pegg and E. Clark and AJin Representatives, J. Jang & J. Towery.

After a 14 hour flight to Seoul, members of the group were welcomed to Incheon International Airport in Seoul South Korea by President Jing-Ho Sea of AJin and President Chel-Hoon Lee of Shinsung MPTech, where they immediately boarded a flight to Daegu. Upon their arrival there, they were met by more than 40 team members of AJin's Daegu facility waiving 8 foot by 4 foot banners with everyone's name printed on it as well as State of Alabama and United States of America flags. Senator Benefield and Chairman Hardage were presented beautiful fresh cut arrangements of lillies and roses wrapped in ornamental paper.

The following morning the group toured AJin's Stamping facility in Daegu and were once again welcomed by all team members of the factory. After a two hour tour, the were received in the facilities conference room where a detailed history of the AJin company was presented and all

managing team members as well as additional suppliers were introduced to the Chambers County Delegation. The following days the group was also welcomed by police escort to AJin's state of the art new facility in Shanghai, China. The streets of the industrial park were lined with team members from the Shanghai facility and once again, the red carpet was rolled out for the group. Once again, beautiful fresh cut arrangements of lillies, roses and tulips were presented to Benefield, Laird, Bridges, Wood, Hardage, White and Kendrick.

According to Valerie Gray, IDA Executive Director, "The trip to South Korea is not an easy one to make but President's Sea and Lee made this the easiest I have ever taken by far. Our trip last week was a very travel intensive trip where the delegation took 6 airline flights in 7 days. It was a wonderful opportunity for individuals who have been involved with us in the recruitment process to see what our community has in store." " The South Korean's truly know how to extend hospitality and to make their guests feel as welcome and as comfortable as possible. President Sea and President Lee were no different as they went out of their way and took 7 days out of their very busy schedules to spend quality time with our elected officials and demonstrate to them that Chambers County has made a sound investment in these two companies. I have never been anywhere on a business trip where all the members of our large group were truly speechless regarding the hospitality we received."

All the members of the delegation want to send their heartfelt thanks to President Sea and President Lee for the hospitality we received. More information regarding the trip will be forthcoming from others members of the group as we want our citizens to truly understand what AJin USA and MPTech America will mean to our area."