

Governor Newsom's Trip to China

Governor Gavin Newsom's trip to China is an historic opportunity to:

- 1. Advance climate action and collaboration;
- 2. Promote economic development and tourism; and
- 3. Strengthen our cultural ties and combat anti-Asian hate.

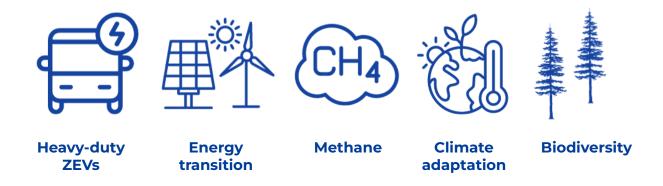
WHY IT MATTERS: The Governor's trip comes ahead of the pivotal APEC Summit in San Francisco this November, and builds on a long history of partnership between California and China, with a strong bilateral foundation built by Governors Schwarzenneger and Brown, as well as Governor Newsom when he served as Mayor of San Francisco.

Advancing Climate Collaboration Between California and China

We're both on the front lines of this climate crisis: wildfires, floods, drought, extreme heat, and more.

Together, we're taking action to protect families and communities on both sides of the Pacific.

Through bilateral meetings, expanding climate coalitions, establishing new MOUs and renewing expired MOUs, California will deepen collaboration in five key policy areas:



Promoting Economic Development and Tourism

While in China, Governor Newsom will meet with Chinese business and government leaders to strengthen our growing trade partnership and discuss ways to further expand tourism between California and China.

As two of the biggest economies in the world, we do more than \$165 billion in economic trade together.

China is California's largest trading partner and California is the largest importer of Chinese goods in America:

\$18 billion \$147 billion 8th largest

in California exports to China in Chinese imports to California source of foreign investment in California

Tourism from China has historically topped every other overseas market:

- 1.5 million Chinese tourists visited California annually as of 2019
- **\$4 billion** from Chinese tourists in California

While we're only at 35% of pre-pandemic levels of tourism, Governor Newsom will use this trip to push for a full recovery of the tourism industry.

Strengthening Cultural Ties and Combating Anti-Asian Hate

California is proud to be home to more than 2 million Chinese-Americans, more than any other state in the country. Our history, traditions, and cities are forever linked by the rich cultural heritage that Chinese immigrants continue to bring.

But anti-Asian hate, spurred in part by the COVID-19 pandemic and misinformation, has spread throughout the nation and in California, where Asian hate crimes increased by 177% in 2021. Governor Newsom and the Legislature have not shied away from combating it, investing millions of dollars in anti-hate efforts and launching a new statewide hotline – CA vs Hate – to combat the rise in hate crimes.

On his trip, Governor Newsom will highlight these efforts while also celebrating California's rich Chinese heritage and history.