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Hawaii, China discussed tourism, tech, education deals

Members of the Hong Kong China Hawaii Chamber of Commerce are back from business meetings in Shanghai and Beijing.

"The parties involved would like to keep most of the details private," said Johnson Choi, head of the organization.

But he did circulate some details to members.

- A China travel company that had been planning to send its top 30 travel agents to Washington, D.C., late this year for training decided after meeting with the people from Honolulu that it will send them to Hawaii instead.
- Two Shanghai e-commerce companies met with parties from Hawaii who thought the firms might be able to benefit from the Hawaii High Tech Investment Credit. Shanghai officials discussed possible investment opportunities there for Hawaii angels.
- Fudan University in Shanghai is interested in joining education projects with U.S. universities including the University of Hawaii.

"We got a lot done in eight short days despite the long flight time, jet lag and long hours of meetings," Choi said. "All of us have come home exhausted but excited, charged up and planning our next move."

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