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Executive Ficano leads 5th trade mission to China

Citizens can follow Ficano's trip on Twitter

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Wayne County — On Saturday November 7, 2009, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will be heading to China for his 5th trade mission. This year he will be providing updates about his trip via Twitter. People can follow Ficano's tweets at [twitter.com/Robert Ficano](http://twitter.com/RobertFicano).

"We have had several success stories coming out of our China trips and this year our Wayne County citizens can follow us on Twitter throughout our trip," said Ficano. "We attend these trips to build relationships and to be the conduit between the leaders in China and the business community in Michigan.

Nearly 20 people are part of the delegation including House Speaker Andy Dillon (D-Redford Twp.) who is taking his first trip to China.

"We have to be aggressive about promoting Wayne County and Michigan as destinations to high-tech job providers around the world, because they have unlimited choices in this global economy," Dillon said.

"Michigan's highly skilled workers, world-class universities, manufacturing infrastructure and geographic location make us an ideal location for investors in emerging industries. Promoting these assets overseas is necessary to make Michigan stand out from all the other states and countries competing for these good-paying jobs that will help turn our economy around."

To date, more than 100 business people have participated in Ficano's trade missions. Wayne County has opened two offices in China and two more are scheduled to open in the future. Ficano has held business seminars in all cities visited on the trade missions and several companies that have participated in the trade mission have been successful in setting up offices and doing business. They include, Butzel Long, Miller Canfield, Filtration Systems and Atwell Hicks.