



Asia-Pacific Group

Asia-Pacific Group provides a **comprehensive set of integrated professional services** for Chinese companies seeking to expand their international reach in finance and technology, and for international companies looking to extend their services and investment allocations into China.

<http://www.asiapacificgroup.us>

A wholly-owned subsidiary, **China Business Development Group**, was established to bring strong, growing Chinese companies with a unique proprietary advantage and a global perspective to international capital markets. This may initially involve bridge financing through preferred debt, then working with chartered investment banks to list the company's equity on global exchanges. This is commonly done initially through NASDAQ, with other options, including TSX Toronto, AMEX, LSE London and FRA Frankfurt as possible complementary options.



Through a contract with PW Global, the company also facilitates **international gold imports** into China, making possible efficient use of highly refined gold as a tool for long-term management of China's sovereign wealth.

See <http://www.pwglobal.net>

Asia-Pacific Group was the founder of **APG Galaxy Trade and Technology**, active in the export of magnesium from central China, Shaanxi Province since 2016. APG Galaxy is the only internationally-owned company that holds a license from the Chinese government to directly export Chinese magnesium products to global markets. The company typically serving **automotive, aerospace, construction, energy generation and storage, nutrition and pharmaceutical** markets.

See <http://www.galaxytradetechnology.com/> and <https://galaxymagnesium.com/>

APG designed and produced a comprehensive conference on new **methods of financing public-private partnerships (PPP) in China**, bringing the respected American investment advisor **Arthur Lipper** to Tianjin and Beijing for several days of seminars and consultations. Sharing the sponsorship of these events were the Trust Division of **CITIC Bank, Tianjin Financial Assets Exchange**, and many other financial industry groups.

See <http://www.asiapacificgroup.us/royalties-seminar-17/>

To express the international cooperation vision of APG, the company invests consistently in international citizen diplomacy, sponsoring conferences, special events, publications, film production, student exchange and reciprocal delegations between China and America.

This activity often takes place in conjunction with the **Zhou Enlai Peace Institute, The National Memorial to Zhou Enlai** in Huaian, **Nankai University, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Shanghai Academy, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries** (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and other national organizations across China that support "people's diplomacy".

See <http://www.zhouenlaipeaceinstitute.org> and <http://www.zhouenlaipeaceinstitute.org/publishing/shanghai-academy/>

The company was the organizing sponsor of a large delegation of students and artists from across China to the **United Nations**, in celebration of the 120th Birthday of Premier Zhou Enlai and **UN International Peace Day**.

See <http://www.zhouenlaipeaceinstitute.org/the-right-to-peace/>

APG sponsors an ongoing series of international television broadcasts, called **Understanding China**.

See <http://www.zhouenlaipeaceinstitute.org/understanding-china-2/>

APG's resources include experts in the following fields:

- corporate and government finance
- technology assistance, market access expansion
- investment banking
- mergers and acquisitions
- corporate, tax and estate planning
- private equity and preferred debt strategies
- delegation tours
- intellectual property registration

The company has extensive resources and **relationships throughout mainland China**, including central and provincial governments, leading law firms, judicial districts, bar associations and universities, private trade and investment group.

APG has offices in **Honolulu** and **Beijing**.

Full information, video, publications, partner and alliance information, links to the above activities and more are available at <http://www.asiapacificgroup.us>

Executives and Founders: Asia-Pacific Group

Xiaofang Zhou North, Senior Partner of APG, is a distinguished business manager with extensive experience in financial services, international investment, and trade projects across China and the United States. She currently serves as the **president of Galaxy China**, a leading exporter of magnesium to global markets, and the vice-president of **China Business Development Group**.

Born in Beijing, Xiaofang has cultivated high-level relationships with leaders in business, academia, and government throughout China, engaging with institutions including the **Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, and major universities including **Beijing University** and **Nankai University**. She was instrumental in introducing revenue royalties into China through a partnership with **Arthur Lipper**.

She is a documentary filmmaker and author of four books. Xiaofang introduced **Mary Buffett** to China, with a series of seminars explaining Warren Buffett's investment strategies.

Xiaofang bridges the differences between China and the United States, echoing the diplomatic endeavors of her **great uncle, Premier Zhou Enlai**, the first Premier and Foreign Minister of modern China, in fostering peace between nations.

Roger Epstein, Senior Member and International Counsel, practiced law with Cades Schutte, the largest law firm in the State of Hawaii, from 1972-2016, and was the chair of its Tax

Department since 1985, successfully arguing cases at the State and Federal level, and to the US Supreme Court.

He is a nationally recognized expert in International and U.S. domestic tax planning and litigation; and has substantial experience in corporate and partnership structure, real estate law and financing, estate planning, and family trusts. He is an honors graduate of **Georgetown Law School**. Mr. Epstein was a Tax Law Specialist with the National Office of the **Internal Revenue Service** in Washington, D.C. and prior to that, he was an Internal Revenue Agent in Washington D.C.

His experience in Asia dates back over forty years, when he began providing US tax advice to major Chinese, American and British clients in Hong Kong. He was one of the first American attorneys to visit mainland China in the early 1980's. In 2018 he accepted a guest professorship at in the law school at **Beiwai University** in Beijing, and lived in China as a resident lecturer for several months.

In 2011 he received the **Hawaii State Bar Association's** Greeley-Key Award for Innovation in the Law, recognizing his work on forgiveness projects and restorative justice. In the same year was listed as the best tax attorney in Hawaii, by **Best Lawyers in America**.

Michael North, Managing Member of APG, is also Chairman of **Galaxy Trade and Technology**, a leading supplier of magnesium and allied products to world markets. Michael is an executive at Asia-Pacific Group, which builds trade and investment between America and partners in Asia, and a founding member of **Pacific Royalties**, an asset management advisor founded in partnership with Arthur Lipper, that develops financing vehicles using revenue royalties.

He was the original founder and CEO of **North Communications**, which pioneered the use of touchscreens in commercial, banking and government applications. He worked closely with majority investor **John Kluge** of **Metromedia**, where he shared offices with Mr. Kluge and his headquarters staff on the Upper East Side of New York. Clients of North Communications included the **State of California**, the **State of Texas**, the **City of New York**, the **U.S. Social Security Administration**, the **Commonwealth of Australia**, and the **Republic of Singapore**.

He is a co-founder of **Greenstar**, a green energy and media company that installs solar-powered community centers in remote villages in the developing world, including the **West Bank, Jamaica, India, Brazil and Tibet**.

He resides near Honolulu; further details and links: <http://www.michael-north.com>