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AMCHAM HONG KONG ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT



HONG KONG – The American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (AmCham) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jack Maisano as its new President, effective March 1, 2005. He will succeed the outgoing President, Frank Martin, who served in that position for 14 years.

Mr. Maisano, since 2002, has been President of China Institute in America, a New York-based not-for-profit organization dedicated to bringing an appreciation of Chinese culture to people in America through an understanding of Chinese language, art and history. Also in New York, Mr. Maisano was publisher of *The Asian Wall Street Journal Weekly* edition, a Dow Jones publication going to American investors focused on Asia.

Previously he was President of *Asiaweek* magazine in Hong Kong for four years. In 1980 he began a successful career at Times Publishing (HK) Ltd. moving, in fifteen years, from Publisher to Director to Chief Editor to General Manager. In 1977 he was Senior Editor of The Asia Letter Ltd. He began his extensive career in publishing in Hong Kong, as sub-editor for the *Hongkong Standard* Newspaper in 1976.

While living in Hong Kong, Mr. Maisano was very active in the community. He was active in government and public sector committees, such as the Media and Communications Services Advisory Committee for the Hong Kong Trade Development Council; the Hong Kong Committee on Metrification; the Advertising, Public Relations and Publishing Training Board for the Hong Kong Vocational Training Council.

Mr. Maisano was a member of the Board of Governors for the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, and at different times Chairman of the Hong Kong Press Club, and Society of Publishers in Asia.

On his appointment, Mr. Maisano said, “The American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong is a strong and effective advocate for cross-border business as well as for business in Hong Kong. I am thrilled to be returning to Hong Kong and eager to begin working for the Chamber and for the community as a whole.”

Educated in the United States, Mr. Maisano received a Masters Degree in the Philosophy of Law from the City University of New York in 1972 and a B.A. from New York University in 1969. He lived in South Korea as a member of the U.S. Peace Corps between 1972 and 1974, and was in Hong Kong for 25 years, working in journalism and publishing. He has knowledge of spoken Mandarin and Korean.

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