

# Delegation Visit to Dalian, China

## Welcome to the program in Dalian, 23. -25. May 2010!

We will arrive in Dalian 12.30 Sunday 23.05 and will be taken for a 30 minutes drive to the Shangri-La hotel for check-in. The hotel offers superb views over the Dalian Harbour and is located in the heart of the business, shopping and restaurant district. The hotel offers elegant and newly renovated guestrooms and renown restaurants.

After check-in, lunch will be served in a restaurant at the hotel. The afternoon program includes sightseeing around the city and in the evening a welcome dinner together with representatives from the city authorities in Dalian.

### Business program

The business delegation to Dalian follows up on the successful delegation visit in 2008 where high-level business people and politicians from the Bergen and Dalian regions were present. There will be several options for the delegates depending on their business and sector interests. Amongst others it will be possible to join the delegation on a visit to the Dalian Municipal Government following up on the first visit in 2008 and the Dalian Authorities' visit to Bergen in October 2009.



From left: Norwegian Ambassador to China, Svein Ole Sæter; former Minister of Trade and Commerce, Grete Knudsen; CEO at DNV Dalian, Tore Jacobsen; Vice Mayor in Dalian, Dai Yulin; CEO at Bergen Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Marit Warncke; Vice President at DNV, Bjørn Haugland; Director of Communications at Bergen Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Atle Kvamme and Vice CEO at Bergen Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Torbjørn Torsvik.

The same morning you can chose between a visit to Changxing Island Industrial Zone and the STX Shipyard or other shipyards in the area.

In the evening, there will be a reception dinner with representatives from the Dalian Municipal Government and representatives from Chinese companies.

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**Dalian** is a beautiful coastal city in the province of Liaoning in Northeast China and has 6 million inhabitants.



The city has over the last 25 years had an enormous development, especially within the maritime field, and has several shipbuilding yards. The biggest one, Dalian Shipbuilding Industry Company, has 11000 permanent employees and 10000 hired labourers and delivers 40 ships a year. The yard delivers both ships and platforms, and has about 60 ships in the making at the same time.

Dalian Port is emerging as a very important port for international trade. Dalian is the largest petroleum port in China, and also the 3rd largest port overall. Accordingly, Dalian is a major centre for oil refineries and chemical production. Also completed recently is a newer port on Dagushan Peninsula on the northern suburbs, specializing in import/export of mining and oil products.



Dalian is also a well-known university city, it is green and lush, has a substantial activity within fishery, is protected by a mountain range, is known for its design and rich culture, and has China's best football team. In other words: A range of common traits with what Bergen is, or wishes to be.



In May every year, Dalian celebrates the Acacia Festival to celebrate the beauty of nature.

**The Changxing Island Harbor Industrial Zone** has nearly 500 sq. km developable area and 189.3 km long coastline. At present, Korea's STX Group, the fourth largest ship manufacturer in the world, whose investment accounts for more than one fifth of the total in the region is well-established in the industrial zone. The zone has also signed large contracts with the STX (Dalian) Shipbuilding Group, the Dalian Shipbuilding Industry Company, Singapore's IMC Group, and the International Marine Containers (Group) Ltd (CIMC). The development and construction of Changxing Island has become a key cooperative project between Chinese government and Singapore government, and

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the issue of it being promoted to state-level development zone has been accepted by the State Council.

	<b>Dalian program</b>	
<b>Delegation- Leaders</b>	<b>Hordaland County Mayor, Ms. Torill Selsvold Nyborg and Bergen City Mayor , Mr. Gunnar Bakke</b>	
<b>Sunday 23.05:</b>	<b>Travel day to Dalian</b>	
	Transport to the airport	
10:50	Departure to Dalian	Flight CZ6522
12:30	Arrival, Transport to the hotel, check-in	
13.30	Lunch	
15:00	Afternoon program - sightseeing in downtown Dalian	
18:30	Reception and dinner with the vice city mayor of Dalian, representatives from the Dalian Municipal Government and heads of companies from relevant sectors for the delegation.  In cooperation with Det Norske Veritas	
<b>Monday 24.05:</b>	<b>Dalian Day - official meeting, B2B facilitation, various options</b>	
09:30	Visit to Dalian Municipal Government and official meeting with the Dalian city mayor	
	Visit to Changxing Island Industrial Zone and STX Shipyard  <b>OR</b> visit to other shipyards in Dalian	
	Company visit depending upon delegates' business and sector interests	tbd
18:00	Delegation dinner with representatives from Norwegian companies in Dalian  In cooperation with TTS	

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Tuesday 25.05:	Departure Day		
Early	Transport from the hotel to Dalian airport		
08:10	Departure for Shanghai		Flight CZ6521
09:55	Arrival Shanghai		
13:15	Departure for Frankfurt		Flight LH0729
20:10	Join the delegation arriving from Busan		
21:30 – 23:30	Departure for Bergen	Departure for Stavanger	Flight LH3128
21:35 – 23:35			Flight LH3162