



**Amway China Leaders
In Development Program**

The China Leaders in Development Program (CLD) is a public policy and government administration and leadership development program for high-ranking Chinese officials. Participants are selected by the central government of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The PRC State Council, the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the Tsinghua University School of Public Policy collaborate on a nine-week leadership course for the participants. Amway China is the sole sponsor for the US portion of the program.

Kent County Commission Chair-

man, Dan Koorndyk, Grand Rapids City Manager Greg Sundstrom and I had the opportunity to speak to the group of about 30 Chinese leaders when they recently visited our area. The host for the meeting was Caledonia Township Supervisor Bryan Harrison who also works for the Amway Governmental



Affairs.

The program is a four-week lecture series in China followed by a four-week session at Harvard. In addition, the officials visit Washington DC, Boston and Grand Rapids to study federal, state and local governments. To date, nearly 500 high ranking PRC officials

have participated in the program— more than 50 of those have advanced to the vice minister or vice gubernatorial position.

During the session, each of us explained local government at the city, township and county level. We also discussed cooperation and collaboration

that occurs throughout our region and the many ways in which our governments work together.

There was a great deal of interest in our multi-tiered governmental system and how we collaborate on such issues as police, fire, utilities and other public services. There were also questions about voting and elections and our democratic system of government and how voting and citizen participation impact local government.

Jing Han and George Yang of our GVMC staff also attended the session and travelled to Holland with the officials for dinner that evening.

**GVMC Breakfast Meeting Honoring Mayor Jim Buck with
Special Guest Senator Carl Levin**



Monday November 4, 2013

L. William Seidman Center at GVSU

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8:00-9:30 am

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