

S.F. on Shanghai mayor's itinerary this weekend

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Shanghai Mayor **Zheng Han** and a delegation of Chinese business people will swing through San Francisco this weekend in a short but important visit.

On his way back home for China's National Day — the founding of the People's Republic of China — Han will visit with Mayor **Ed Lee**, said **Anton Qiu** of **TRI Commercial Real Estate** and vice chairman of the San Francisco-Shanghai Sister City Committee. There won't be any public appearances, Qiu said, but the mayors are expected to talk about ways they can cooperate in cleantech, high-tech and biotech.

"It's always an opportunity to explore," Qiu said. "We know that Shanghai is high on developing green tech."

Han was expected to come to the Bay Area in June, but that trip was delayed because of severe bad weather elsewhere on his itinerary, Qiu said.

Still, with a 30-year sister-city arrangement, any visit from Shanghai leaders is an important one, Qiu said. There is talk of extending education exchanges to middle school and high school students as well as students from the **University of California, San Francisco**, and **San Francisco State University**.

"Everytime the mayors visit, they always talk about establishing a framework for future MOUs (memorandums of understanding) for the next couple of years and their goals," Qiu said.

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