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a lion to awaken its spirit. Among the honored guests were Brenda Lei Foster, president of AmCham Shanghai (American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai) and Ken Jarrett, U.S. Consulate General in Shanghai.

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**Hong Kong** CH2M HILL has been working in Hong Kong for 25 years. The government is stressing the need of public/private partnerships in water and wastewater treatment projects.

Directors met with potential clients to discuss how the firm's full-service capabilities can help them achieve their goals. In addition, directors also met with several potential team partners.

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**Singapore** While in Singapore, directors went to the Changi Water Reclamation Plant (left), a major component of a massive project CH2M HILL is working on to replace virtually all of the island's wastewater system. The Changi project has been underway since 2001 and is scheduled for completion in 2008. Several industrial facilities were also visited.

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Among Koh's accomplishments are chairing the U.N. Earth Summit and negotiating the Singapore-US Free Trade Agreement. Currently, he is ambassador-at-large for Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, chairman of the Institute of Policy Studies, National Heritage Board and Chinese Heritage Center. Koh is a Fulbright and Harvard Law School fellow.

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