



Richard M. Daley, Mayor



Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner

# CDA Web Alert

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## CDA Hosts Beijing Delegation

Today the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) hosted a delegation from Beijing, China that included Zhiyi Dong, Chairman of Beijing Capital International Airport Co. Ltd. (BCIA) and CEO of Capital Airports Holding Company (CAH).

The Chairman and 12-member delegation met with CDA Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino and senior staff members during their visit to O'Hare International Airport.



Their discussion covered numerous airport management topics, including safety and security, operations, construction, current sister airport agreements and sustainability at O'Hare and Midway International Airports.

The group toured the airfield and learned about the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) and the Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM).

CAH is an affiliate company of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) and is a large, multi regional state-owned enterprise. Following six years of growth, CAH runs operations for their 38 owned and entrusted airports.

Chicago is viewed as a leader in aviation and sustainable airport initiatives. A number of International and National cities and airports have requested to meet with the CDA to learn how the CDA is improving and enhancing the operations of Chicago's airports.

Since 2009, the CDA has hosted international delegations from Latin-America; the Caribbean; Changi, Singapore; Belgrade, Serbia; Abu Dhabi, UAE; Beijing, China; Incheon, South Korea; Henan Province, China, Russia; and countries of the former Soviet Union and the United Kingdom.

For more information on the CDA's Sustainable Airport Manual, please visit: [www.airportsgoinggreen.org](http://www.airportsgoinggreen.org).

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit [www.flychicago.com](http://www.flychicago.com) to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit [www.airportsgoinggreen.org](http://www.airportsgoinggreen.org).

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit [www.oharemodernization.org](http://www.oharemodernization.org) to learn more about the OMP.

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