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# Tami Overby



## Vice President, Asia President, U.S.-Korea Business Council

Tami Overby, senior vice president for Asia at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, leads Washington's premier international policy team that is devoted to helping American companies compete and prosper in Asia's dynamic marketplace.

Overby is responsible for developing, promoting, and executing programs and policies relating to U.S. trade and investment in Asia. She works closely with Chamber member companies, business coalitions, AmChams, government leaders, and business executives to achieve their business objectives in this very important part of the world. Overby and her team led the efforts for the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement ratification. She works with a talented senior-level group of professionals including Jeremie Waterman, executive director for China and senior policy adviser for Asia; Jim Fatheree, senior director for Japan and Korea; Esperanza Jelalian, director for South Asia; and John Goyer, senior director for Southeast Asia.

Before joining the Chamber as vice president for Asia in 2009, Overby lived and worked in South Korea for 21 years. There she worked with AIG and William M. Mercer Ltd. and spent the last 14 years leading AmCham Korea, aiming to improve the

business environment for member companies in Korea. During this time, she was actively engaged in ensuring that Korea entered America's Visa Waiver Program. Overby raised the profile of AmCham Korea to make it the largest, most influential foreign business group in Korea.

In recognition of her efforts for promoting mutually cooperative economic relations between South Korea and the United States, Overby was awarded the Korean Order of Industrial Service Merit, Silver Tower by President Lee Myung-Bak in June 2009. She was previously recognized with a Letter of Citation (Bronze Tower) from both President Roh Moo-Hyun and President Kim Dae-Jung. In April 2007, Overby was awarded an Honorary Citizenship of Seoul from Mayor Oh Se-Hoon.

In Korea, Overby was active in charitable programs like the Pearl S. Buck Foundation, the Seoul Children's Welfare Committee, and AmCham's Partnership for the Future Foundation, which raised more than \$8 million and helped more than 1,400 Korean university students obtain full scholarships.

Overby enjoys golfing and traveling.

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