



BIOGRAPHIES

GARY LOCKE

Secretary of Commerce of the United States

Gary Locke was appointed by President Barack Obama as 36th Secretary of Commerce of the United States. He is the first Chinese-American to serve in that position in the presidential cabinet.

Before being appointed, Locke helped American companies to participate in the international market as a partner in the Seattle office of the international law firm Davis Wright Tremaine LLP. There, he was one of the directors in charge of the activities with China and actively participated in government relations.

During his two terms as Governor of Washington, Locke pulled down custom barriers around the world to promote American products. He helped create new opportunities for Washington-based companies, by managing 10 productive companies and business missions to Asia, Mexico and Europe, considerably increasing the sale of products and services from Washington.

He also successfully strengthened the relations between China and the State of Washington. As part of his great efforts to promote trade and economic development, Locke created the Washington Competitiveness Council with business and union leaders who collaborated to put the State of Washington in a favored position in the country and the world.

Locke graduated from Yale University with a degree in Political Science, and also earned a Law degree from Boston University.