

Gregory Harris is currently Principal Commercial Officer in Kaohsiung where he manages an office that serves U.S. exporters in the southern Taiwan market. Covering all sectors, the office is well known for high productivity from its small staff.

Previously, Greg was a Commercial Officer at U.S. Consulate in Shanghai, China where his portfolio encompasses the substantive environmental, energy, construction and rail/marine sectors. He was on teams that received the Director General's Award and ITA's Bronze Medal for efforts in promoting U.S. exports. Prior to this assignment, Greg served as Commercial Officer at the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) Taipei office where he managed the healthcare, financial services, industrial machinery, chemicals, safety and security, plastics, transportation and travel and tourism sectors. He also managed the DOC export control program for Taiwan and successfully worked on several inter-agency policy initiatives as policy/market access officer. For his efforts in commercial diplomacy in Taipei he was awarded two Meritorious Honor Awards and one Franklin Award. He was also recognized by the Public Affairs Office for creating and implementing Commercial Public Diplomacy outreach in Taiwan.

Greg also served U.S. businesses at the DOC US Export Assistance Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he covered all industry sectors throughout west Michigan. He was awarded an ITA Quarterly Star Award for outstanding client service.

Over his career, he has been credited with assisting U.S. firms export American products and services valued in the millions of dollars to over twenty-five foreign markets. He has previous Asia experience in the international non-profit and private sectors. He has U.S. military experience with the U.S. Air Force as a linguist and intelligence analyst with postings in Japan and Korea. He has been covering greater China, academically, economically or militarily for over twenty-five years.

Greg received a MA degree from the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington in Seattle and a BA from the University of New Mexico. He was also an honor graduate in Chinese Mandarin at the U.S. Defense Language Institute. He is married with two children.