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## Danville honors foreign companies for their investments

**DANVILLE, Va.** – The city of Danville, Danville Pittsylvania Chamber of Commerce, Danville Regional Foundation and Averett University on Tuesday honored 10 foreign companies that collectively serve as the area's largest employer – providing nearly 3,000 jobs.

The 10 companies are based in nine foreign countries. They were honored during a ceremony held at the Riverview campus of Averett University. Company representatives raised their respective flags on the flag poles located across from the campus building at 512 Bridge St.

"We have a proud textile and tobacco heritage," said Mayor Sherman Saunders, who declared Feb. 12 as International Business Appreciation Day. "Welcoming and encouraging foreign investment in Danville has strengthened our economy after the decline of these industries."

The companies honored were Axxor of The Netherlands, CBN Secure Technologies of Canada, EBI of Poland, Essel Propack of India, GOK International of China, Intertape Polymer of Canada, JTI Leaf Services of Japan, Nestle of Switzerland, Swedwood of Sweden, and Telvista of Mexico.

"These companies chose Danville over many other communities," said Jeremy Stratton, director of the Danville Office of Economic Development. "We are pleased to give them recognition and wish them continued success."

Each organization has provided employment opportunities, cultural diversity and economic growth in Danville, Stratton said.

The city of Danville offers low-cost, business-friendly access and distribution advantages to North American markets and the availability for international trade and commerce. For more information, visit www.discoverdanville.com.

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