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New York Stock Exchange and National Committee on U.S.-China Relations Mark Historic Anniversary

National Committee president Stephen Orlins rings NYSE opening bell in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the establishment U.S.-China diplomatic relations.



The New York Stock Exchange and National Committee on U.S.-China relations celebrated the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and China with the ringing of NYSE opening bell by National Committee president Stephen Orlins on January 5, 2009. The United States and China resumed official relations on January 1, 1979.

Mr. Orlins was joined at the opening bell podium by former Secretary of State and National Committee director Dr. Henry Kissinger; Ambassador Zhang Yesuei,

China's ambassador to the United Nations; Ambassador Peng Keyu, China's consul general in New York; David Stern, Commissioner of the National Basketball Association; Duncan Niederauer, CEO and Director, NYSE Euronext, Inc. and Jan Berris, vice president of the National Committee.

"We are celebrating how far the United States and China have come together in the past three decades and the wisdom of those who laid the foundation for this relationship. The 45 PRC companies with a market capitalization of \$ 802 billion that are listed on the NYSE are emblematic of the economic integration of the two countries," said Orlins, who speaks fluent Mandarin and was a member of the State Department legal team that created the framework for the historic opening in 1979, before becoming president of Lehman Brothers Asia and managing director of Carlyle Asia. "As we celebrate the past, we need to further improve this most important relationship for the 21st century in order to deal with the problems that jointly confront our two nations."

NYSE Euronext markets list 56 companies listed from Greater China, representing more than \$1 trillion total market capitalization. This includes 41 companies from Mainland China listed on the NYSE, 4 from Hong Kong on the NYSE, and 5 Taiwanese companies on the NYSE, as well as 3 companies listed on NYSE Arca, and 3 companies listed on NYSE Alternext. Additionally, there are 6 companies from Greater China listed on the Free Market in Europe operated by NYSE Euronext.

The National Committee on United States-China Relations is the leading national, non-partisan public affairs organization devoted exclusively to building constructive and durable relationships between the United States and China. For more than forty years, National Committee programs, exchanges and conferences have brought together leaders in their fields from both sides of the Pacific for informed discussion and reasoned debate about issues of common interest and concern to the United States, the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan.

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