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A Message from the President

In place of a letter from me, what follows are excerpts from an address I gave in Beijing this past January at a seminar commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the United States. More information on the event may be found on page 5.

The first observation is that the positive emotion in this room has really been very moving. Everybody here has given a part of their life to U.S.-China relations and it shows.

What is crystal clear from this conference is that thirty-seven years ago when Dr. Kissinger led us here, and thirty years ago when President Carter established diplomatic relations, leadership prevailed! The wisdom of our leaders and the work of many of those in this room laid the foundation for the strong and vibrant relations that we have today. As a young lawyer in the State Department, I was stunned by the vehemence of the criticism of President Carter, National Security

Advisor Brzezinski, Secretary Vance and many others, even though their decisions were clearly in the national interest of the United States. But President Nixon and Secretary Kissinger, and President Carter and Dr. Brzezinski led, and we succeeded in our task.

Today, leadership must prevail again. We can only jointly confront the economic and financial crisis, terrorism, global warming, environmental degradation, health threats, energy security, and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) if our leaders exercise leadership.

In seven days, a president with a different view of the world from President Bush and a different view of America's role in the world is going to be inaugurated. His approach to global issues has more in common with China's approach than our current president. So cooperation on the issues I just mentioned is naturally going to become easier. But both China and the United States need to go beyond these issues and the status quo on other

issues to lay the foundation for the next thirty years. In our meetings yesterday with President Hu Jintao and Vice President Xi Jinping, and in Tang Jiaxuan's speech to all of us, we heard about moving Sino-American relations to a new, higher plane. I strongly agree but believe this will only happen if our leaders exercise the leadership that was exercised by President Carter and Deng Xiaoping thirty years ago.

The strategic mistrust that so often seeps into discussions needs to be dissipated. The seed of that mistrust is America's relations with Taiwan. But cross-Strait relations have fundamentally changed and will continue to do so. This past Saturday I flew non-stop from Taipei to Beijing, a trip I waited thirty-seven years to take. U.S. policy needs to adapt to the new reality. Our president needs to unequivocally state that closer Taiwan–Mainland relations are in the interests of the United States, that the United States supports progress on these issues and a peaceful resolution of cross-Strait differences. In the early days of the Obama administration, China should unilaterally reduce military deployments across the Taiwan Strait and continue down the path that President Hu laid out in his speech on December 31, 2008..

Military to military contacts and cooperative efforts in the military area between the United States and China must be increased and planning needs to be more transparent. I agree with General Xiong that we need to remove the legislative restrictions on military to military contacts.

On the economic front, as State Councilor Dai Bangguo said minutes ago, both sides need to stick with their opposition to protectionist solutions to the economic crisis. But China needs to do it a little bit differently. It needs to use some of the two trillion USD in reserves to raise the standard of living of its people and invigorate the economies

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National Committee President Stephen Orlins addressing the Beijing conference celebrating thirty years of U.S.-China diplomatic relations

Gala Honors Business, Government Leaders



National Committee President Stephen Orlins, NYSE Euronext CEO and Director Duncan Niederauer, Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr. and National Committee Chair Carla A. Hills

Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson, Jr. and NYSE Euronext Chief Executive Officer and Director Duncan Niederauer were honored for their work with China at the National Committee gala dinner on October 24, 2008, in New York City. Secretary Paulson delivered the keynote address to the audience of over 350 guests, and his remarks on the global economy and financial markets, economic relations with

China and the U.S.-China Strategic Economic Dialogue were covered by more than seventy journalists from thirty-five media outlets and networks, including ABC, Bloomberg TV, China Central Television, CNBC, CNN, C-SPAN and Fox News. The Committee is grateful to NBC for providing a video montage of the Olympics that helped make the evening such a success.

Secretary Paulson has led the

Department of the Treasury since July 2006 and has served as the leader of the U.S. delegation to the U.S.-China Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED) since its inception in 2006. The SED has initiated work on central policy issues that include investment, energy and environmental cooperation, and food and product safety. Secretary Paulson has traveled to China more than sixty times over the course of his public service and private sector careers.

Duncan L. Niederauer joined NYSE Euronext in April 2007. Under his leadership, NYSE Euronext became the first non-Chinese exchange to open a representative office in Beijing and increased its number of listed companies from Greater China to fifty-seven, representing a market capitalization of more than \$1 trillion. Mr. Niederauer and NYSE Euronext were presented with two works by prominent Chinese-American artist Weihong, which will be displayed at the New York Stock Exchange.

The annual gala is an important source of unrestricted funds for the National Committee's programs. The National Committee gratefully acknowledges the generous support from companies and individuals which ensures the continuation of its work toward constructive and durable U.S.-China relations. ■



Former Ambassador to China James Sasser and Cheryl McQueen, Director of the Office of China Economic Area, U.S. Department of Commerce



U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr. and PRC Ambassador to the United States Zhou Wenzhong



Artist Weihong with former National Committee Director Thomas Gorrie

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The National Committee Celebrates Thirty Years of U.S.-China Diplomatic Relations

This is a year of anniversaries. One of these is the thirtieth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the People's Republic of China and the United States. The National Committee is celebrating that event by holding several related programs: in December, a panel comprised of all five of the living former American ambassadors to the PRC reminisced on the challenges of that job; in January, some of those most deeply involved in establishing and furthering the relationship met for a two-day conference in Beijing; also in January, National Committee President Stephen Orlins rang the New York Stock Exchange opening bell in celebration of three decades of U.S.-China diplomatic relations; and in April, Michael Blumenthal, former Secretary of the Treasury and a former National Committee chairman reflected on the financial issues involved in normalization and those our two countries face today. The first three events are covered below.

Once Upon a Time in Beijing



Former U.S. Ambassadors to China (l to r) Winston Lord, James Lilley, J. Stapleton Roy, James Sasser and Joseph Prueher with National Committee President Stephen Orlins at Once Upon a Time in Beijing

Once Upon a Time in Beijing marked the first time that all five of the living former ambassadors to China appeared together on a program. The panel discussion, celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the announcement of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and China, took place December 9, 2008, at the New York Life Building in New York. It was attended by over 200 people and then viewed by

countless others during its airing over the next several weeks on C-SPAN.

Ambassadors Winston Lord (serving in Beijing 1985-89), James Lilley (1989-91), J. Stapleton Roy (1991-95), James R. Sasser (1996-99), and Joseph Prueher (1999-2001) candidly reflected on the challenges, excitement, crises and achievements of their tenures, and shared their insights on the future of U.S.-China relations for the next

administration and beyond. National Committee President Stephen Orlins served as the moderator.

Both the panel discussion and a small dinner afterward were generously underwritten by The New York Life Company. A video of the program may be viewed on the National Committee web site (www.ncusr.org/programs/5ambassadors). ■

Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration in Beijing

In mid-January 2009, a two-day seminar was held in Beijing that brought together many of those involved in the normalization of relations between China and the United States. The Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA) and the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States were the sponsors, the National Committee was a co-sponsor and the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs provided support.

The National Committee organized a stellar group that included former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger; former National Security Advisors Zbigniew Brzezinski and Brent Scowcroft; former Ambassadors to China Winston Lord, J. Stapleton Roy, James Sasser and Joseph Prueher, along with Sharon

Woodcock, the widow of our first Ambassador to the PRC, Leonard Woodcock; former governor of Washington Gary Locke; several former American Consuls General at various Consulates in China (including Don Anderson and Richard Williams, who opened the Consulates in Shanghai and Guangzhou respectively); Hank Greenberg and other corporate leaders deeply involved in the relationship; and academics and NGO leaders too numerous to list. President Carter attended the opening ceremony of the conference as well as other related programs mentioned below. Several of our group gave speeches, which can be found on the National Committee web site (www.ncuscr.org/programs/30th-beijing).

Several of the many Chinese

current and former officials gathered for the occasion gave speeches: these included former Vice Premier Qian Qichen, former State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan, former Minister of Foreign Affairs Li Zhaoxing, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Zhao Qizheng, former ambassador to the United States and the United Nations Li Daoyu, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs He Yafei, former ambassador to Germany and president of CPIFA Mei Zhaorong, former ambassador to Canada and vice president of CPIFA Zhang Wenpu, Chairman of the China Institute of International Strategic Studies Xiong Guangkai, President of the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies Yang Jiemian and Senior Fellow of Tsinghua University's Center for China-U.S. Relations Zhou Shijian.

The American and Chinese conference participants attended several ancillary programs, planned to coincide with the conference. On Sunday afternoon, January 11,



Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the photo exhibit on thirty years of Sino-American relations: (l to r) former Ambassador to China Joseph Prueher, former National Security Advisor Brent Scowcroft, Ambassador to China Sandy Randt, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, Rosalynn Carter, President Jimmy Carter, State Councilor Dai Bingguo, Vice-Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Xu Kuangdi; between the Carters is Richard Williams, first U.S. Consul General in Guangzhou; behind President Carter is Edward Cox, husband of Patricia Nixon and son-in-law of President Nixon



Former President Jimmy Carter and former Vice Premier Qian Qichen

Don Q. Washington, Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs, and National Committee President Steven A. Orlins, hosted a reception for several hundred guests at the newly opened U.S. Embassy. As noted by speakers Washington, Orlins and Ambassador Sandy Randt, it was a wonderful opportunity for many old friends to see each other, some after a lapse of several decades.

On Monday, Ambassador and Mrs. Randt hosted a luncheon at their residence for all of the forty plus members of the American delegation the Committee had organized, plus President and Mrs. Carter and their delegation. Immediately following lunch, the group attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for a photo exhibit spanning the years both before and since the two countries resumed relations. State Councilor Dai Bingguo officiated. The exhibit, put together by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), will travel to the United States later this year.

The seminar itself began mid-afternoon, Monday, January 12, and continued through the next afternoon. While much reminiscing took place, several of the speakers discussed the prospects for future bilateral ties. The speeches, along with pictures of the three days of

events, can be found on the National Committee web site.

Monday evening, CPAFFC and CPIFA co-hosted a banquet at the Great Hall of the People for several hundred guests – most of whom had been or currently are involved in the U.S.-China relationship. Vice President Xi Jinping and President Carter gave the keynote speeches.

Several members of the American delegation had separate meetings with with President Hu Jintao, Vice President Xi Jinping and Premier Wen Jiabao, which focused on the future development of Sino-American relations. ■



Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, an interpreter and State Councilor Dai Bingguo

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of its trading partners. Importing goods and services such as nuclear power plants, scrubbers for coal-fired plants, medical equipment, and many others, accomplishes both of these goals. China's effort should be massive and should be soon, so that it demonstrates early in the Obama administration that it is a good trading partner and can be a cooperative strategic partner as well. Because, as the mistrust dissipates and the partnership grows, cooperation on counterterrorism, proliferation of WMD, global warming, North Korea, Iran and myriad other issues becomes easier.

But to get there, we all need to make and carry out a New Year's resolution. Everyone in this room helps shape the policies of our two governments. During our meeting with Vice President Xi yesterday, he said, "We are in a critical time of transition." Dr. Brzezinski said in the meeting with President Hu that the economic crisis that we have now and regional disruptions in 2009 risk creating a geopolitical crisis.

They are right. During this critical transition period, we must all, and I mean every person in this room, redouble our efforts to ensure that the next thirty years of U.S.-China relations will be even better than the past thirty years. ■

NCUSCR President Rings NYSE Opening Bell

The National Committee joined the New York Stock Exchange in celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and China with the ringing of the New York Stock Exchange opening bell by National Committee President Stephen Orlins on January 5, 2009. Steve found it ironic that after decades in the financial sector, he should have this honor as the head of a non-profit organization.

Joining Mr. Orlins at the podium for the opening bell were former Secretary of State and National Committee Director Dr. Henry

Kissinger (in his maiden voyage to the Exchange); Ambassador Zhang Yesui, 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 forty-five PRC companies with

a market capitalization of \$802 billion that are listed on the New York Stock Exchange are emblematic of the economic integration of the two countries," said Mr. Orlins. "As we celebrate the past, we need to further improve this most important relationship for the twenty-first century in order to deal with the problems that jointly confront our two nations." NYSE Euronext markets list a total of fifty-seven companies from Greater China, representing more than \$1 trillion total market capitalization.

The opening bell ceremony was seen by more than 100 million viewers on networks including CNBC, Fox, Bloomberg, China Central Television (CCTV) and Phoenix Television, and was covered by print media including Associated Press, Xinhua, *China Daily* and *People's Daily*. CCTV replayed the event on its main evening news at 7:00 p.m. ■



At the New York Stock Exchange opening bell podium (l to r): National Committee Vice President Jan Berris; former Secretary of State and National Committee Director Dr. Henry Kissinger; NYSE Euronext CEO and Director Duncan Niederauer; National Committee President Stephen Orlins; Ambassador Zhang Yesui, Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations; Ambassador Peng Keyu, Consul General in New York; and David Stern, Commissioner of the National Basketball Association

Photo: NYSE Euronext

Ground-Breaking Visit on Human Rights

The National Committee hosted a ground-breaking visit to the United States by a ten-person delegation focusing on human rights, philanthropy and economics. Led by Vice Premier Huang Mengfu, chairman of the China Foundation for Human Rights Development, the group was in the United States (New York, Washington, D.C., and Boston) November 16-24, 2008; they were accompanied by National Committee President Stephen Orlins and Ling Li, the Committee's director for transnational programs. The visit came at an opportune time, closely following China's announcement that it is drafting a national action plan to protect human rights.

In addition to his role at the Foundation, Mr. Huang is vice chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, China's top legislative advisory body, and chairman of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce, where he has been instrumental in the development of China's non-public economic sectors. Mr. Huang's



Vice Premier Huang Mengfu, chairman of the China Foundation for Human Rights Development, at Harvard's Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies

grandfather, Huang Yanpei, was a confidant of Mao Zedong and became the first vice premier of the newly founded People's Republic in 1949; his father, Huang Jingwu, graduated from Harvard University with an M.A. in economics.

"The current degree of China's democracy, freedom and opening-up were unimaginable thirty years ago."

In New York, the delegation met with Human Rights Watch Executive Director Kenneth Roth; National Committee Director Maurice R. Greenberg, chairman of C.V. Starr & Co. and chairman of the Starr Foundation, which has a long history of philanthropy in China; National Committee Director Jerome Cohen at the Council on Foreign Relations; Ford Foundation president Luis A. Ubiñas; Rockefeller Foundation President Judith Rodin; and Citi Foundation Director Michael Schlein, who is also president of Citigroup International Franchise Management. Peter Scher, executive vice president of global government relations and public policy at JPMorgan Chase hosted a dinner for Mr. Huang at its headquarters. Mr. Huang also met with editorial board members of both the *Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times*.

Meetings in Washington, D.C., were held with the president and senior officials of various think tanks and organizations: the Brookings Institution, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Center for Strategic and Inter-

national Studies, the National Democratic Institute and the International Republican Institute. Mr. Huang and the delegation also met with Fred Hiatt, editorial page editor and member of the *Washington Post* editorial board, and John Norris, the acting assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

At Harvard University's Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Mr. Huang delivered an address on issues affecting human rights in China, including developments in China's political system and government, economic and rural-urban disparities and the unique challenges of balancing reform with stability in the world's most populous nation. He described three primary challenges China is working to address that have a direct effect on human rights issues: the fact that China's 1.3 billion population greatly magnifies any economic or social problems; the continued existence of a historical divide in income and living standards between rural and urban residents, and from one region of China to another; and the fact that currently about half of the Chinese population do not have social security, pensions, unemployment insurance or adequate medical and health care services.

Mr. Huang also offered a nuanced perspective on the development of human rights policy in China, culminating with the work taking place on a national action plan. "The current degree of China's democracy, freedom and opening-up were unimaginable thirty years ago," he said. He also noted that while outside advocates for improved human rights in China are well-intentioned, China must address these issues in a manner fitting to its own society. "Take America's efforts to gain equal rights for black people, for example," he said. "From the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 to Martin Luther King's famous speech *I Have a Dream* in 1963 and finally to the election of the first

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National Committee Hosts Senior Chinese Leaders



Premier Wen Jiabao and National Committee Chair Carla A. Hills in New York

Photo: Michael Seto

During a three-month period in 2008, the National Committee co-hosted events honoring two of China's most senior leaders: Premier Wen Jiabao and Vice Premier Wang Qishan.

Premier Wen Jiabao delivered an address on Sino-American relations to more than 500 guests at a luncheon held in his honor by the National Committee and the US-China Business Council in New York on September 23. National Committee Chair Carla Hills, Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, former Secretary of State and National Committee Director Henry Kissinger and US-China Business Council Director Gregory Brown made remarks at the event. New York Governor David Paterson, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and other dignitaries also met with Premier Wen at a pre-luncheon reception.

The event, which was attended by business leaders, academics, policy makers and diplomats, was

held during Premier Wen's visit to New York City for the opening of the United Nations General Assembly. A delegation of senior Chinese officials, who were in New York with Premier Wen, also attended: Minister of Foreign Affairs Yang Jiechi; Minister of the National Development and Reform Commission Zhang Ping; Xie Fuzhan, Minister of the State Council's research office; Zhou Wenzhong, Chinese ambassador to the United States; and Wang Guangya, Chinese ambassador to the UN.

In his remarks, Premier Wen highlighted the progress in Sino-American relations since his last visit in 2003, and noted in particular the increased mutual trust, closer economic ties and growing collaboration on issues of shared concern. Video and transcripts of Premier Wen's remarks are available on the National Committee web site .

On June 18, 2008, the National

Committee co-hosted a dinner in Washington, D.C., in honor of Wang Qishan, Vice Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. Coming as an informal conclusion to the fourth round of the U.S.-China Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED), the event provided an occasion for Vice Premier Wang and U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson to give public addresses on the progress of the SED.

Vice Premier Wang chose to forgo his prepared speech and, in his "from the heart directly to the mouth" remarks, he thanked Americans for their sympathy and support in the wake of the Wenchuan earthquake, warned of the dangers of protectionism, highlighted China's commitment to reform, pushed for cooperation in tackling international problems, and encouraged the American business community and others to seize the opportunities provided by the latest round of the SED. A transcript of his talk may be found on the Committee web site.

The dinner was attended by over 500 guests, including the secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and Labor. Vice Premier Wang's delegation included ten Chinese ministers and heads of major financial institutions. ■



Vice Premier Wang Qishan in Washington, D.C.

Photo: Kaveh Sardari

Strategic Security Issues Delegation

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This year marks a decade that the National Committee has been working with the Preventive Defense Project to conduct annual Track II dialogues among senior leaders from the United States, Mainland China and Taiwan on cross-Strait issues, U.S.-China relations and northeast Asian security. The 2008 Strategic Security Issues Delegation to the People's Republic of China and Taiwan, which ran from June 22 to July 1, 2008, took place during a time of unprecedented opportunity in cross-Strait relations, and resulted in several productive developments.

The Preventive Defense Project is a collaborative effort of Stanford and Harvard Universities, and is co-chaired by former Secretary of Defense Dr. William Perry of Stanford and Dr. Ashton Carter of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. The delegation also included National Committee President Stephen Orlins, Vice President Jan Berris and, among others, National Committee members Dr. Kurt Campbell, Dr. David M. Lampton, Dr. Evan Medeiros and Ambassador Joseph Prueher.

The group visited Taiwan and Mainland China just one month after the inauguration of President Ma Ying-jeou, whose administration has pledged closer economic ties and improved relations with the Mainland. In Taiwan the group met with President Ma, Vice President Vincent Siew, National Security Council Secretary General Su Chi, Defense Minister Chen Chao-min, Foreign Minister Francisco Ou and Vice Minister Andrew Hsia, Chairperson of the Mainland Affairs Council Lai Shin-yuan, KMT Chairman Wu Poh-hsiung, and DPP

Chairperson Tsai Ing-wen. The delegation also visited Kinmen Island – the Quemoy of Cold War fame – just a few thousand yards off the mainland coast, and discussed its economic and defense issues with the island's magistrate and its military commander.

In Beijing, the delegation met with key Chinese officials at the Central Military Commission, including General Xu Caihou, Major General Chen Xiaogong, and Lieutenant General Ma Xiaotian, as well as President of the Association for Relations across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS) Mr. Chen Yunlin, and Lt. General Liu Chengjun at the Academy of Military Science (AMS). A two-day Track II seminar included intensive dialogues with Foreign Ministry officials, PLA officers and academics. The Americans were united in encouraging interlocutors (at individual meetings and the seminar) to develop a timely, positive response to the window of opportunity provided by the new administration in Taipei.

In both Taiwan and mainland China, the delegation proposed a step by step division of bilateral issues to be addressed, from economic matters, to political issues and international space, to security issues. This framework for ongoing engagement resonated with both sides.

Since the trip, the governments of Mainland China and Taiwan have made progress in improving relations. However, taking steps toward comprehensive agreements remains critical during this window of opportunity. Tangible progress on cross-Strait issues will have an impact not only on Mainland – Taiwan relations, but will also influence U.S.-China relations, and

provide the basis for a working relationship for important issues such as Iran, North Korea and climate change, among others of major importance.

A final report of the 2008 delegation is available on the National Committee's web site. ■

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black president this year, human rights development in the United States has also undergone a long process." Transcripts of Mr. Huang's speech, in English and Chinese, are available on the National Committee web site (www.ncuscr.org/programs/human-rights).

The visit by Mr. Huang and the delegation helped to forge new relationships and initiate important dialogue on human rights issues between the China Foundation for Human Rights Development and leading American foundations, human rights organizations and journalists at a time of new developments in China's human rights policies. The Foundation hopes to establish an annual forum in China on philanthropy and human rights and Mr. Huang viewed his trip here as an opportunity to gain ideas to make that project a success. ■

Members' Bookshelf

*A listing of recent books and special reports by National Committee members is available on the National Committee web site:
www.ncuscr.org/our-resources/members-bookshelf*

Chinese Policy Leaders Orientation Program

In the 1990s the National Committee conducted several “Consular Orientation Programs,” designed to give young Chinese diplomats posted to the United States the opportunity to learn more about American history, politics and contemporary society through a two-week study program. Support from the Starr Foundation in 2007 enabled us to resume and expand this offering, now called the Policy Leaders Orientation Program.

The 2008 Policy Leaders Orientation Program provided two groups of promising young Chinese officials and diplomats with an intensive two-week introduction to American politics, history, culture and society that will help inform their work and enhance interactions with their American counterparts. The first group, of China-based officials from several different ministries and agencies, including the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Culture; the National Development and Reform Commission; the People’s Bank of China; the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine; and the Chinese People’s Institute of Foreign Affairs (the Committee’s Chinese counterpart for this project) was in the United States November 30 - December 13, 2008. The second portion of the program, for U.S.-based Chinese diplomats from the Embassy, the five consulates and the PRC Mission to the United Nations, was held January 4-17, 2009.

The itinerary for both groups included Williamsburg, Washington, D.C., Gettysburg and New York. The U.S.-based diplomats also visited Philadelphia, while the group from China visited Harrisburg,

Pennsylvania, to study the workings of state government.

While those in the U.S.-based group have all lived in the United States for a minimum of a year, and many for several years, they have not had many opportunities to interact with Americans outside of their professional spheres. This program provides them with vital professional and personal links to American society. “I knew of most of the organizations this program covers, but never met officials in person or visited the physical venue of them,” Wang Luo, first secretary at the Consulate-General in Los Angeles, noted. “So I now know how they function, how much they are relevant to my work, and whom to contact when I need to.”

In Williamsburg, the groups gained a firsthand perspective of the conditions that shaped early American society at Colonial Williamsburg, the Jamestown settlement and the College of William and Mary, where they attended lectures covering the origins of the American political system and roots of American foreign policy. In a similar historic vein, the visit to Gettysburg a few days later gave participants a vital sense of this pivotal Civil War battle while exploring the historical context of the war and of President Lincoln and his legacy. “The trips to Williamsburg and Gettysburg were especially interesting to me,” said Ding Li, an attaché at the Chicago Consulate-General. “They were just like living history lessons, and I could look back hundreds of years to witness the foundation and development of the United States, and thus better understand the current American society.”

The centerpiece of both programs was a four-day homestay in

Washington, D.C., where participants were generously hosted by National Committee members and friends. This provided a valuable opportunity for the groups to experience firsthand how American families live, while interacting with them in an informal setting. As Zhang Huixun, first secretary at the Consulate-General in Chicago described it: “Homestay is the highlight of the program and is very interesting and creative. It helps us to know the daily life of the ordinary American people and to have in-depth discussions on all kinds of issues with them.” During the days in Washington, the focus of the meetings was on the working of the federal government, although there were opportunities to learn about other areas of governance.

One of the most productive meetings in Washington for the Chinese diplomats was the Foreign Service Institute, where they had the chance to look at the facilities for consular training, sit in on several classes and meet their counterparts.

In Philadelphia, the group spent time with researchers at the Foreign Policy Research Institute to explore its role in educating the American public about U.S. foreign policy; *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, where they met with senior journalists and learned about the working of the U.S. media; and, the highlight there, enjoyed dinner, informative conversation and a concert by a Chinese pianist at the home of long-time National Committee member Woody Goldberg and his wife Susan, herself an accomplished musician. Also in Philadelphia, the group learned about the formation and foundations of the American political system on visits to the National Constitution Center and historic areas of the city.

New York afforded both groups a variety of programs: a visit to the New York Stock Exchange for an overview of the U.S. financial system; an exploration of the issues of poverty and homelessness at the

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Foreign Policy Colloquium Educates Chinese Students

The sixth annual U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium (FPC), held in Washington, D.C., June 4-7, offered an inside view of American foreign policy from foremost scholars, businesspeople and government officials to 150 outstanding students from the People's Republic of China currently studying in graduate programs at American universities.

"These students, among the best and the brightest of China, will help shape China's understanding of America's foreign policy," said National Committee President Stephen Orlins. "Their experience at this program will pay dividends for U.S.-China relations for decades to come."

Organized jointly by the National Committee and the Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University, the FPC gave participants an in-depth understanding of the complex influences that shape American foreign policy through lectures, panels, site visits and direct interaction with speakers who included Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, former

Senator and Governor of Virginia Charles Robb, former Attorney General and Pennsylvania Governor Richard Thornburgh, and journalist Ted Koppel.

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The opening night keynote address, "China as an Issue in the 2008 Elections," was given by noted political commentator Norm Ornstein and made for a lively beginning to the two-and-a-half day colloquium. Thought-provoking presentations continued throughout, with one of the most well-received being "The Making of U.S. Foreign

Policy," delivered by long-time National Committee member Casimir Yost, the director and a professor at the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University (and son of former National Committee President and Chairman Charles Yost). A listing of the other speakers can be found on the National Committee web site (www.ncusr.org/programs/fpc).

The site visit component of the program gave participants a hands-on perspective of U.S. foreign policy implementation. In groups of ten, the students visited a variety of governmental, business and nonprofit institutions. Among them were the Departments of Commerce, Defense and State; the Congressional Research Service; the Senate and House committees responsible for foreign affairs; the National Security Council and the U.S. Trade Representative; the Coca-Cola Company; and Human Rights Watch, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Friends Committee on National Legislation and the U.S. Council for International Business. FPC participants appreciated the opportunity to have their individual questions addressed patiently and thoughtfully at the site visits, and the popularity of this portion of the Colloquium was evident at the report out session on the institutions and their foreign policy roles.

As in past years, the FPC's combination of panels, distinguished speakers and site visits with front-line policy makers provided an exceptional perspective on American foreign policy to a large group of promising Chinese students. The National Committee and all of the participants are most appreciative of the generosity of the American International Group, Inc., the Coca-Cola Company and the Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., whose support made this successful program possible. ■



Foreign Policy Colloquium participants with Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Christopher Hill

In Memoriam: Lucian W. Pye



by Jan Berris

Lucian Pye, one of a group of wonderful men who took time from their families and professional lives to establish and nurture the National Committee, died in September at the age of 86.

His lifelong love of and interest in China stemmed from his birth into a family of educational missionaries in the city of Fenzhou in Shanxi Province in 1921. Home-schooled through the fourth grade, he completed his primary education in Oberlin, Ohio, returning to China with his family in 1936 and finishing high school at an American school near Beijing during the Japanese occupation. He went to Carleton College in 1943, where he met his beloved wife Mary, a true partner, bearing their three children, collaborating on several of his books, and generously sharing him not just with the Committee, but with the many other institutions to which he devoted his time and intellect – the Universities Service Centre in Hong Kong, the American Political Science Association, the Social Science Research Council and the Asia Foundation, among others.

After graduating college, Lucian joined the Marines, finding himself at the end of the war back in Beijing as an intelligence officer with the 5th Marine regiment...and looking for the bones of Peking Man. Unfortunately neither he (nor anyone else) ever found them. Lucian's theory was that they had been inadvertently ground up for Chinese medicine.

Obtaining his Ph.D. from Yale and working there and at Princeton for a few years, he moved to MIT in 1956, even before it had a political science department, and remained there for over 50 years. His passion throughout his illustrious career was comparative politics and the exploration of the psychological and cultural differences that help explain why politics differ so greatly from one country to another.

Lucian was a big man – in body, in spirit, in intellectual curiosity, and in generosity. He had an original mind that was devoid of malice or pride, a wonderful love of life and an irrepressible sense of humor; he was also thoroughly honest, a characteristic that sometimes translated into

bluntness. These traits – that made him so special, so stimulating and so much fun to be around – are apparent in his correspondence with National Committee staff over the years: his letters are filled with thought provoking, intellectually probing content and with his sly wit. In one, commenting on the fact that at a board meeting the discussion had focused on Congress rather than the administration he wrote: “Wasn't it strange that we never talked about how to influence people in the administration who have the responsibilities of making policy. I kept wanting to say that this administration has a 'dream team' for China policy – they all seem to be walking in their sleep.”

The most famous National Committee anecdote about Lucian comes from his participation in the board's first delegation to China, in 1972. As he wrote in a monograph of that trip, *China Revisited*: “We were taken out to the new Arts and Handicrafts factory, which our escorts on occasion called an Institute...I quite innocently caused a great deal of agitation. Without thinking of any political ramifications, I expressed my longstanding curiosity as to why it is, throughout the world, that we have not in mid 20th century been able to match the wonderful craftsmanship of the 17th century. As I said, we in the West can't make violins or furniture as they once were, and in China, it is impossible to match the Ch'ien-lung period, to say nothing of the Sung and Ming. Our hosts were horrified and told me that I was wrong, and that the Institute works surpassed the old. I accepted my chastisement as gracefully as I could but when they kept it up as we visited room after room, I finally had to shut them up by saying that I was prepared to buy all the genuine Ch'ien-lungs they had at the price they charged for their current 'superior' products. Thereafter there was no more silliness about how socialism, or for that matter, capitalism, was able to

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National Committee Hosts China Policy Conference

In July 2008, the National Committee brought together thirty of the best minds on various aspects of China and several specialists in other areas for a synergistic, cross-cutting discussion of some of the major challenges facing China and the United States and what the best policies might be to enhance cooperation and ameliorate conflict over them. “China, the United States and the Emerging Global Agenda,” a

two-day conference held at the Aspen Wye River Conference Centers in Queenstown, Maryland, took a hard-nosed look at the major dimensions of American relations with China over the next decade and focused on our long-term interests rather than the immediate problems that tend to dominate such discussions.

The conference centered around three major sessions, each on a topic

of crucial importance to the two countries and to the overall relationship: economics and trade, security and politics, and climate change. The sessions began with comments from a panel consisting of a chair, the writer of a background paper (distributed to participants prior to the conference), and two discussants; however, the majority of time was spent in very lively discussion of the various issues.

The very informative background papers are available on the National Committee’s web site .

The following are some of the key themes that emerged from the discussions:

- The United States needs to invest in its own human capital and

China, the United States and the Emerging Global Agenda

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Participants in the July, 2008, conference “China, the United States and the Emerging Global Agenda” in Queenstown, Maryland

physical infrastructure to be confident vis-à-vis China and the rest of the world.

- Washington and Beijing need to

develop a stable strategic nuclear relationship in the context of military modernization.

- Progress in cross-Strait relations

is a huge strategic opportunity but one subject to many potential difficulties, and the United States should thus actively support further improvements in cross-Strait relations.

- Energy and environmental issues – particularly global climate change – represent important opportunities for U.S.-China cooperation.
- The United States must continue to press China on the persistence of human rights problems, compliance issues and other problematic “old” issues. ■

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China Briefing for U.S. Air Force Officers

The National Committee continued its initiative to educate next-generation members of the military about China with a four-day briefing for mid-career officers of the U.S. Air Force September 2-5, 2008. The genesis of the military briefings project was a suggestion from former National Committee Director Dennis Blair, Admiral USN (Ret.) and now the director of national intelligence. He noted that while he is very familiar with military and security issues pertaining to China, knowledge about other aspects of the PRC would have improved his work when he was responsible for U.S. forces in the Pacific Command.

Building on the success of the initial briefing for U.S. Naval officers held in late 2007, the National Committee contacted the Air Force, where the program was quickly approved by General T. Michael Moseley, the chief of staff. The Airman Development Office, which is responsible for all Air Force training, assembled an outstanding group of officers, including brigadier generals, major generals and colonels who came from bases around the globe.

Through intensive presentations and question-and-answer sessions, participants gained a wealth of insights from top figures in the China field, several of whom are National Committee directors: Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy, vice chairman of Kissinger Associates, who spoke about the challenges of being ambassador to China; Kenneth Lieberthal, professor of political science and business administration at the University of Michigan, who discussed China's domestic challenges; David M. Lampton, director of the China Studies Program at Johns Hopkins University, who covered China's foreign policy; and

Brookings Institution fellow Cheng Li, who spoke about China's leadership. Other topics included China's environmental, energy and health issues (Ray Cheung of World Resources, Inc., Josh Logan of the Library of Congress' Congressional Research Service and Susan Lawrence of Tobacco Free Kids); economics and business (Hank Levine of Stonebridge, Bert Keidel of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and Drew Thompson of the Nixon Center); cross-Strait issues (Shelley Rigger of Davidson College), research and development (Denis Simon of Pennsylvania State University) and rule of law (James Feinerman from Georgetown Law School).

The Committee is currently in discussions with the U.S. Army about a similar briefing for that branch of the service and may put together a joint trip to China for participants from all three of the military briefings.

This project is generously supported by funding from the Starr Foundation. ■



Briefing speaker Jeff Logan, a specialist in energy policy at the Congressional Research Service (l) speaking with Col. Manson Morris, Vice Commander, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan

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Doe Fund; and a visit to the Tribute WTC Visitor Center, where they met with individuals personally affected by the events of 9/11 through the museum's innovative "Person to Person History" program. The U.S.-based diplomats attended an excellent discussion on the current financial crisis with National Committee Director Keith Abell, chairman of the China Interactive Media Group; a discussion about the U.S. educational system at New York University; and a session at the Julliard School that focused on its community outreach programs. The China-based group also visited the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture for an informative discussion on race in America; *The New York Times* for a discussion on how the American media reports on China, with National Committee member Joseph Kahn, deputy foreign editor and former Beijing bureau chief. Both groups rounded out their visit to New York with a much-appreciated evening at "Phantom of the Opera."

The Policy Leaders Orientation Program is supported through the generosity of the Starr Foundation. The program will continue to provide a link to American society for promising Chinese officials who expect to be dealing with Sino-American issues throughout their careers. What they see and learn during the program contributes to improving mutual understanding and relations between the two countries. Participant Wang Yongqian, secretary general of the Gansu Provincial Communist Youth League, underscored the benefits of the program to his work: "Whenever I give reports, I always need to mention something about America. In the past, I would use what I learned from the Internet or the media, but now I can talk about what I saw and experienced on this study tour." ■

Young Leaders Forum: Discovery and Connection



YLF 2008 attendees included (l to r): Pei Xiaofei (2008 fellow), Paul Haenle (alumni fellow), Jennifer Dulski (2008 fellow) and Kim Ng (2007 fellow)

The 2008 Young Leaders Forum (YLF), a dynamic meeting of young, prominent Chinese and Americans from a wide range of fields and professions, was held in Snoqualmie, Washington, from September 18 through 22, 2008. Representatives from the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA), which partners with the Committee on the Forum, and from the All-China Youth Federation (ACYF) also attended the forum.

Now in its seventh year, YLF is a unique program that builds personal and professional relationships among the next generation of leaders from the United States and China. YLF fellows, who must be under forty years of age upon entering the program, are selected on the basis of their accomplishments, leadership potential and participation in civic and international affairs. The program is conducted in the United States and China in alternating years. Fellows participate actively for three years, and are then invited to return as alumni, which many do each year – a testament to the ongoing

value of the program.

“The people you meet in the program are either those you see on TV, in magazines, or those who have quietly achieved admirable results,” said YLF fellow Wang Jian Shuo, CEO of Baixing.com, China's largest classifieds website (a Chinese version of Craigslist). “I enjoyed having the executive director of New York's Miller Theater helping me learn how music changes life, discussing the importance of space technology with an American astronaut, debating about U.S. policy on China with the National Security Council's China director, or getting insights about the Iraq war from a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force who just got back from there. It was both inspiring and life-changing.”

The core of the forum is a series of discussions focused on a central theme, which this year was “Discovery.” Fellows shared the most significant discoveries – both personal and professional – that they had made in their lives, what brought them to their discoveries,

and where the discoveries had led them since. Wang Jian Shuo, who blogs about all things Shanghai, described what he had discovered about himself after blogging daily for six straight years: that one has to motivate oneself to experience life and discover something new in the everyday; Nick Beim, a partner at a venture capital firm, focused on the importance of serendipity, and the promising directions in which accidental discoveries often lead; Pei Xiaofei, who now directs the climate change and environmental health division within the Department of Science, Technology and Standards at the Ministry of Environmental Protection, spoke about discovering the secrets to successful marriage and relationships (which, ironically, provided a jumping-off point for a discussion on divorce rates in both countries); and alumni fellow Adam Kaplin, a faculty member in the departments of psychiatry and neurology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, spoke of his laboratory discoveries and the exciting prospect that they may lead to a cure for multiple sclerosis. In the most interactive presentation of the forum, alumni fellow Damian Woetzel, a just-retired principal dancer with the New York City Ballet, explained what he has discovered – the power of dance – by getting everyone out of their seats and teaching them the opening sequence of a Balanchine ballet; the final “performance” included music.

“I was surprised by the openness of the forum, which embraces different opinions and ideas in a way that can hardly be seen in other international organizations,” said fellow Jiang Li, vice president of ProLogis. “Any topics of young people's interest can be openly discussed. We argue, but we don't fight; we agree but also disagree. The exchange about the topic of discovery in 2008 was presented to us from different angles, which brings a richness and depth of international perspectives.”

The forum also included presentations and panel discussions

featuring interesting guest speakers. Long-time National Committee member Sidney Rittenberg shared his fascinating story of discovering purpose in his life, a process he refined through years of close association with China's leadership, including Zhou Enlai and Mao Zedong, and later through being in solitary confinement for sixteen years in a Chinese prison. Chinese and American fellows alike were deeply moved by his story and insights, and his extraordinary capacity for forgiveness and resilience.

Congressman Rick Larsen, who co-chairs the Congressional U.S.-China Working Group and has twice visited China with National Committee delegations (and whose district is in nearby Everett, Washington) spoke individually with

each of the fellows, and then addressed the group as a whole, giving particular focus to emerging economic issues in the United States and their relevance to Sino-American relations.

A panel discussion, moderated by National Committee President Stephen Orlins, included distinguished guests Joe Borich, the executive director of the Washington State China Relations Council and former consul general in Shanghai; National Committee Director Nelson Dong, a partner in the law firm Dorsey & Whitney, LLP, and a prominent specialist in international technology and intellectual property licensing and U.S. export control; and Dr. Robert Kapp, president of a consulting firm focused on China, and former president of the US-

China Business Council. The three of them discussed what actions the new president of the United States will need to take to best serve U.S. interests with respect to China in the areas of business, diplomacy and trade. Adding balance to the panel discussion, Ambassador Chen Yonglong, vice president of CPIFA, discussed the actions the Chinese leadership might take with the new administration, leading to an engaging discussion that offered a range of viewpoints.

A hallmark of YLF is the balance of intellectual and professional content with social and team-building activities that enable fellows to get to know one another from a different perspective and strengthen the YLF community. An exciting river rafting trip (including a team-

YLF Fellows and Alumni at the 2008 Forum

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race), a wine tasting featuring wines from a Pacific Northwest vineyard, donated by YLF alum and U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia Philip Reeker and an evening in Seattle at a popular crab and seafood restaurant added a warm counterpoint to the intensity of the panels and discussions. This was a particularly successful YLF program that created fertile professional and personal connections that will ultimately benefit both the United States and China as fellows continue their leadership roles on both sides of the Pacific.

The National Committee gratefully acknowledges the support of ACE, Ltd., Time Warner Inc. and CPIFA for contributing to the continuing success of the Young Leaders Forum. ■

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Special Congratulations

The National Committee would like to congratulate its Directors, members and those who have participated in our programs over the years who have been tapped for senior jobs in the Obama Administration. We wish them well in their important work over the next few years.

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Lucian W. Pye

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surpass what feudalism was clearly best at.”

Lucian was a major force shaping American understanding of China, plumbing the realm of thought to its depths and then applying that knowledge to shaping a better world and a more constructive Sino-American relationship. He was also a major force shaping the National Committee, serving on the board for

a total of 32 years (the longest serving of our directors) and for a year as acting chairman. Even when he had to rotate off the board for a year or so, the staff could always rely on him for thoughtful advice, creative ideas and honest feedback; for giving talks or attending conferences; for, along with Mary, hosting delegations and staff members at their lovely home filled with beautiful Chinese art; for inspiring us to aim higher and be better; and for making us laugh. We miss him greatly. ■



Politboro Member Hu Qili greets members of the National Committee's 1985 Distinguished Citizens' Dialogue. (l to r) A. Doak Barnett; Richard Solomon, Lucian Pye and Michel Oksenberg; the Dialogue, begun in 1984, was the first Track II exchange between China and the United States

Student Leaders Exchange to China

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SLE participant Devany Schulz leading a class at Beijing's Dandelion School for the children of migrant workers

Now in its fifth year, the Student Leaders Exchange (SLE) took a group of twelve outstanding graduating American high school seniors on an intensive two-week study tour to China. They experienced facets of Chinese history, society and culture that ordinary visitors rarely see, while forging new friendships and lasting connections with China. From June 26 through July 11, 2008, the group visited Beijing, Xi'an and Luoyang, where traditional sightseeing was augmented with diverse hands-on activities and briefings. A hallmark of the program is that in each city students stay with Chinese families with teenagers the same age. Participants have credited the program with inspiring them to learn more about China; already half of the 2008 group has gone on to take university-level coursework on China and a quarter of them will be returning to China in the summer of 2009.

"Sometimes there is no way to anticipate how an event will change the course of your life before it happens," said participant Samuel Galler, who is from Denver,

Colorado, and attends Harvard University. "For me, SLE was one such event. I was transformed from someone who didn't have any interest in China to someone who last semester spent most of his time studying Chinese. As I pore over my Chinese homework, I am still digesting the things I saw on the trip."

Each year, the U.S. Department of Education designates 141 outstanding graduating high school seniors nationwide as Presidential Scholars, and it is from this pool of the most promising students in the country that applicants for SLE are drawn. This year's SLE participants included young men and women from all regions of the country and Puerto Rico, with interests ranging from cartooning and medicine, to engineering, athletics and social activism. They have gone on to attend schools across the United States, including Arizona State, Brown, Harvard, The New School, Princeton, Rice, University of Virginia and Yale.

Following the Department of Education-sponsored National Reco-

gnition Week and Presidential Scholars Award ceremony, held in Washington, D.C., and attended by all the Presidential Scholars, SLE participants had a two-day pre-departure orientation. This included intensive briefings from scholars on China's environment, education system, politics, economy, history and Sino-American relations. They also attended a reception in their honor at the Washington home of China's Minister Counselor for Education and a dinner at the home of National Committee member Woody Goldberg and his wife, Susan.

The National Committee also ran a Master Teacher China Seminar, which provided an intensive introduction to China for the outstanding teachers chosen by the Presidential Scholars to accompany them to National Recognition Week. The educators appreciated the content provided by the exceptional panel of speakers, as well as the materials and books provided for further study.

On their arrival in China, the students had a one-day orientation in Beijing, which included a visit to the Temple of Heaven, an outstanding discussion with China journalists Jaime FlorCruz, CNN Beijing bureau chief, and ABC News producer and Beijing bureau manager Chito Romana, and a meeting with a talented young Ministry of Environmental Protection official who had been a participant in the National Committee's 2007 Policy Leaders Orientation Program.

The group's visits to the Forbidden City, Longmen Grottoes, Great Wall and terracotta warriors were among the impressive historic highlights of their introduction to China. The students were featured guests on the popular China Central Television (CCTV-1) talk show "Us," courtesy of Wall Street English, which is the exclusive sponsor of the SLE program. The students gained more intimate perspectives from activities such as joining a class at a martial arts school, trying traditional acupuncture at a clinic and making dumplings with

their host siblings. In many ways, the homestays in each city are the centerpiece of the students' experiences of China, as they offer participants the opportunity to connect with their host siblings and families and to gain an inside view of daily life in China. The students are paired with families that have a son or daughter – a host sibling – who speaks English and attends the same school as the other host siblings, to encourage both individual and group interactions.

SLE is also designed to show the diversity of ways of life in China. After staying with relatively affluent host families, participants went to Beijing's Dandelion School, a middle school serving the children of migrant workers, where the Americans had the chance to go into the classrooms and teach. They had other opportunities to teach and interact with students at the Luoyang Number Two Foreign Language School and the Ruyang Experimental High School in a centrally designated "poor area." In Luoyang, they spent several hours at an orphanage visiting mildly handicapped pre-schoolers. These experiences were some of the most memorable for many in the group.

"The trip did not introduce me to China as a foreign country; it immersed me in its culture, its traditions, its people, its history, and made me a part of its present," said Paola Melendez of San Juan, Puerto Rico, who is now studying design and liberal arts at The New School. "Most importantly (and one of the most valuable things I gained from the trip), I have a newly found interest and a great curiosity to know, to explore, and to discover even more."



Congressional District Staff Delegation to China

In 1976, the National Committee organized the first Congressional staff visit to China. In the mid-1990s, it organized a few visits for members of Congress. However, it wasn't until 2006 that the National Committee became involved in an ongoing series of Congressional exchanges, through its partnership with the U.S.-China Working Group. Since then, working through the PRC Embassy and with the National People's Congress (NPC), the Committee has organized two Member trips and three staff delegations.

Running from December 5 to 14, 2008, the most recent staff delegation sent directors and other senior staff drawn from the Congressional districts – the first trip of its kind – to Beijing, Guangzhou, Hefei and Shanghai. The eight-member bipartisan group consisted of staffers from Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana and Washington State. The focus was the impact of the global economic downturn and its effects on U.S.-China relations.

In Beijing, the delegation members met with senior NPC representatives (including Zha Peixin, the vice-chairman of the NPC foreign affairs committee and a friend of the Committee's for over thirty years) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and attended a briefing at the U.S. Embassy. Four of the Committee's Public Intellectuals Program fellows (see page 22) currently based in Beijing discussed economy, energy and environmental issues with the group, and the China Reform Forum hosted a roundtable focused on a variety of issues important to the delegation. The group also met "old China hands" in the home of Elizabeth Knup (a former Committee program director who is

now chief representative of Pearson China), including the Beijing bureau chiefs of CNN, *The Los Angeles Times* and ABC News, a *Wall Street Journal* reporter and a managing director from the Shanghai AIAL Information Consulting Co.

In Guangzhou, the delegation lunched at the home of former Committee staff member and now U.S. Consul General Robert Goldberg and his wife Sally Werner, where they were joined by the Consulate's economic and political section chief and a vice consul who works on adoption matters. (All adoptions from China go through the Guangzhou Consulate.) One delegation member who frequently deals with adoption issues commented that, for him, this meeting alone made the entire trip worthwhile.

In and around Guangzhou and Hefei, the group discussed trade and economic issues with representatives of provincial offices of foreign affairs and foreign trade and economic cooperation; visited a village and spoke with one of its elected representatives; and toured factories, a software firm and a power plant.

Many of the meetings provided concrete opportunities for delegation members to foster business and trade relationships, resulting in plans to discuss partnerships on progressive energy initiatives, to introduce a prominent Shanghai lawyer to constituents concerned about Chinese legal issues, and to promote collaboration on rice research between scientists in Anhui and Louisiana.

On the docket are a Members delegation in late May and a staff delegation in early July. ■

Public Intellectuals Program

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From 2005 to 2007, the National Committee held the first round of its Public Intellectuals Program. This multi-year program brings together twenty of the best and brightest of the younger generation of American China scholars and specialists to deepen and broaden their knowledge about China's politics, economics and society, while giving them the skills to use this knowledge to inform policy and public opinion. The first round was so successful that both the Henry Luce Foundation and the Starr Foundation agreed to fund a second round. Over the next two years, the program will include two group meetings in Washington D.C., a meeting in San Francisco, trips to China as a cohort,

participation in National Committee programs or exchanges as scholar-escorts, and a requirement that fellows organize local public education programs.

Twenty Public Intellectuals Program (PIP) fellows were selected at the end of May 2008 from seventy-eight applicants. The first gathering of the fellows was October 2-6, in Washington, D.C. That meeting began with a welcoming dinner that featured thoughtful and inspiring comments by Dr. Ezra Vogel, Henry Ford II Research Professor at Harvard, and Dr. David M. Lampton, director of the China Studies program at Johns Hopkins

University. Dr. Vogel spoke about the history of the China studies field and the commitment that the earlier generations had to filling the role of public intellectuals, and Dr. Lampton offered thoughtful remarks about ethical issues involved in being a public intellectual, particularly in the China field. A fascinating discussion ensued, one that will undoubtedly continue as the group meets together over the course of the next few years.

During the next four days, fellows attended meetings, briefings and meals with staffers on Capitol Hill, commissioners and staff of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission and the Congressional-Executive Commission on China; the Departments of State and Commerce; the USTR; the National Security Council and the National Intelligence Council; and various think tanks.

A full day was focused on the media, with activities designed to encourage fellows to engage with the

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PIP fellows and advisory committee members visit the Albert Einstein Memorial at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C.

public through the media on China issues, and to give them some of the tools necessary to do so effectively. It included sessions on message and delivery; communicating via print, television and radio in both China and America; hands-on media training during which fellows answered

challenging questions before a camera and evaluated their performances; and a dinner discussion panel comprised of Washington, D.C.-based journalists and broadcasters.

One reason for the PIP program is that changes in graduate education and the China field in the last two decades have meant that younger

China specialists tend to be more narrowly focused on specific areas of study, without the same opportunities for cross-fertilization that past generations of China scholars had. The PIP program addresses this by instilling more breadth in younger scholars and facilitating connections among those in different fields, so that, for example, political scientists spend more time with sociologists, or historians interact with legal experts. This is enhanced through presentations by the fellows on their own research throughout the course of the program. Four who presented at the Washington conference were Katherine Kaup on ethnic issues, Amy Hanser on consumerism and product safety, Andrew Erickson on the development of China's navy and Peter Lorentzen on the strategic manipulation of press freedom.

The Washington conference of PIP fellows began the process of creating the strong cohesion among these accomplished individuals that is a hallmark of the program, while providing connections to policy makers and media training that has already been of use to several of them. The first cohort of ten fellows will travel to China together June 19-30, 2009 (the second group will do so in the summer of 2010), and the entire group will meet again in San Francisco for a four-day conference in October 2009. ■

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