Chinese Ambassador to the United States Zhang Yesui chats with 2012 Foreign Policy Colloquium (FPC) participants during our opening reception.

UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY COLLOQUIUM

A three-day conference designed to help Chinese graduate students understand the complex forces that influence & shape American foreign policy

May 29 - 31, 2013
WASHINGTON, D.C.

- Discover how American foreign policy is formulated from experts in the field
- Discuss foreign policy events and issues with leading policymakers, academics, journalists, and business and NGO leaders
- Build new friendships with fellow PRC students studying at institutions across the United States
United States Foreign Policy Colloquium

Day 1
- Opening night program & keynote address
- Networking reception with fellow FPC participants, speakers, and special guests

Day 2
- Introduction & overview of the program
- Ideals & interests in U.S. foreign policy
- Making of U.S. foreign policy
- Marketplace of ideas
- Role of the media in U.S. foreign policy
- Off-site visits & briefings

Day 3
- Discussion with a senior U.S. government official
- Questions of liberty & security
- U.S. foreign policy round-up
- Site visit reports
- The future of U.S.-China relations
- Closing party

The above reflects programs from previous sessions of the FPC. Our 2013 schedule will be confirmed by late April and may include different sessions.

Left: 2012 FPC participants take in one of our presentations.

A sampling of past speakers
Our speakers hail from diverse backgrounds and include current and former Administration officials and members of Congress, as well as representatives from academia, the military, think tanks, media, business, and lobbying groups, among others. Below is a sampling:

Carolyn Brehm
Vice President, Global Government Relations, Procter & Gamble

David Brooks
Op-Ed Columnist, New York Times

Patrick M. Cronin
Senior Advisor & Senior Director of the Asia Program, Center for a New American Security

David Doniger
Policy Director, Climate Center, Natural Resources Defense Council

Erin Ennis
Vice President, U.S.-China Business Council

Bill Frenzel
Former Congressman (R-MN)

Carla Hills
Chair, National Committee on U.S. - China Relations; Chairman & CEO, Hills & Company International Consultants; former U.S. Trade Representative

Kin Moy
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian & Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Joseph Prueher
Former U.S. Ambassador to China & former Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Command
The Honorable Elaine L. Chao (赵小兰)
24th U.S. Secretary of Labor (2001-2009)
First Asian American Woman Appointed to U.S. Cabinet

The first Chinese American ever appointed to a President’s Cabinet in American history, Secretary Chao was the only member of the President’s cabinet to serve all eight years and the longest serving Secretary of Labor since World War II.

An immigrant who arrived in America at the age of eight speaking no English, Secretary Chao’s experience transitioning to a new country motivated her to devote her life to ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to build better lives.

As the first Secretary of Labor in the 21st century, Secretary Chao led the Department in achieving record results in protecting the health, safety, wage, and retirement security of America’s workforce and increased international interchanges with other nations.

During her tenure, the Department of Labor contributed to improving U.S.-China relations including signing seven letters of understanding broadening cooperation between the two countries in labor and employment practices, workplace health and safety, core labor standards, unemployment insurance, labor statistics, and private pension programs. She was a key participant in the U.S.-China Strategic Economic Dialogue, the highest level Cabinet to Cabinet forum between the two countries. She headed the U.S. Delegation to the Closing Ceremony of the Beijing Olympics in August, 2008.

Her distinguished career spans the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Prior to Secretary of Labor, she was President and CEO of United Way of America, Director of Peace Corps, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Transportation. She was also Vice President of Bank of America and worked at Citicorp.

Recognized with innumerable awards for her public service including 34 honorary doctorate degrees, Secretary Chao has an MBA from Harvard Business School and an economics degree from Mount Holyoke College. Currently, she is a Distinguished Fellow at a think tank in Washington, and serves on a number of public and nonprofit boards including Harvard Business School Board of Dean’s Advisors and Global Advisors and the Institute of Politics, Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Her website is: www.ElaineLChao.com.
A highlight of the FPC is dividing into small groups for off-site briefings at organizations involved in foreign policy. The sites range from American government agencies to think tanks, from media to non-profit organizations. At each site visit, participants meet with hosts who provide an inside look at the role their organization plays in informing, developing, and/or implementing policy.

Following the visit, participants work with their fellow group members to create and present site visit reports to the Colloquium.

A sampling of past site visits & site hosts

Below are examples of some of the 14 different site visits from last year’s FPC. Our 2013 schedule will be confirmed in May and may include these and several others. Once confirmed, FPC participants choose the top three sites of most interest and are assigned to one of the three.

**U.S. Department of State, Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs**
Aubrey Carlson, Director, Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

**Office of the U.S. Trade Representative**
Eric Altbach, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, China Affairs

**U.S. Treasury Department**
Brendan Kelly, Policy Advisor, Office of the U.S.-China Strategic & Economic Dialogue
Anna Jewell, International Economist, East Asia Office

**Human Rights Watch**
Sophie Richardson, Advocacy Director, Asia Division

**Carnegie Endowment for International Peace**
Douglas Paal, Vice President for Studies

**Center for Strategic & International Studies**
Christopher K. Johnson, Senior Adviser & Freeman Chair in China Studies

**Save the Children**
Michael Klosson, Vice President, Policy & Humanitarian Response
Program logistics

General information
Each year, we accept 150 to 200 Chinese graduate students from various academic disciplines. All academic disciplines are welcome, as are visiting scholars from China. Past participants include those with backgrounds in business, international affairs, engineering, law, journalism, history, accounting, and education, among many other fields.

The annual U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium takes place in Washington, D.C. The dates this year are Wednesday, May 29, 2013 through Friday, May 31, 2013. All participants stay in dormitory housing on the George Washington University (GWU) campus free of charge for the three nights of our program. Check-out from the GWU dorm is Saturday, June 1, 2013.

Qualifications
- Must be a PRC graduate student currently enrolled at an accredited university in the United States
- Strong spoken English ability required, as all presentations are in English
- First-time program participants only

Deadline
- Extended application deadline: May 12, 2013 ($100 application fee)*

Cost
- Meals and lodging provided by the National Committee on United States - China Relations
- All other costs, i.e. travel and miscellaneous expenses, to be covered by participant
- Travel stipends available and distributed on a rolling basis until funds run out**
- Registration fee paid with application – fee varies by date of application submission, as indicated above

* If applicant is not accepted, the application fee will be returned.
** Only participants whose travel costs exceed $200 USD are eligible for a travel stipend. Eligibility and stipend amount are based on mode of travel and applicant’s proximity to Washington, D.C. Priority consideration for travel stipends given to early applicants and those who book their travel early. For further details, please check our website for full travel stipend guidelines.
Application process

You can apply easily through our online application system. Note no applications will be accepted via email.

What you will need

- **Personal statement.** In approximately 300 words, describe your motivations for applying to the FPC and what you hope to gain from this experience.
- **Two references.** Please provide the names and contact information of two professional or academic references in the United States. References will be contacted if, after reading your application, we feel we still need to learn more about you.
- **TOEFL or IELTS score.** All presentations are in English, so fluency in English is required.
- **Passport information.** Many sites’ security measures require passport numbers. Upon completion of the FPC, this information will be destroyed.

Ready to apply?

Access the application: [http://www.ncuscr.org/programs/fpc](http://www.ncuscr.org/programs/fpc)

Questions about the application process?

Email us at [fpc@ncuscr.org](mailto:fpc@ncuscr.org)

Program & recruiting calendar

| Late February | Applications open |
| May 12       | All applications due |
| Mid-May      | Participants’ site visit selection confirmed |
| May 29-31    | U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium |
| June 1       | Check out of GWU dorms |

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A 2012 Foreign Policy Colloquium participant asks a question during one of the presentations.
Established in 1966, the National Committee on United States - China Relations is a private, nonpartisan nonprofit organization that encourages understanding of China and the United States among citizens of both countries. With over four decades of experience developing innovative programs at the forefront of U.S.-China relations, the National Committee focuses its exchange, educational and policy activities on politics and security, education, governance and civil society, economic cooperation, media and transnational issues, addressing these with respect to mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. Our distinguished board of directors and individual and corporate members from around the United States represent many viewpoints, but share the conviction that ongoing public outreach, face-to-face communication, and forthright exchange of ideas is essential for healthy Sino-American relations.

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Secretary of State Henry Kissinger meets a young Jet Li (Li Lianjie). Eleven-year-old Li was part of a 30-member Wushu Team the Committee invited to the United States for a four-week tour in 1974. The group performed in Hawai’i, San Francisco, New York and Washington, D.C., where they were received by President Nixon. Committee Vice President Jan Berris stands in the background and, to this day, continues to oversee the Committee’s delegations and programs.

Our historic firsts

Since the Committee’s founding, we have embarked on many historic firsts in the Sino-American relationship, creating opportunities for informed discussion and reasoned debate. Below are a few highlights of our early years:

- April 1972. We hosted the Chinese Table Tennis Team, the first visit to the United States of a delegation from the People’s Republic of China, and round two of what became widely known as Ping Pong Diplomacy.

- December 1972. We co-hosted with New York’s City Center of Music and Drama the first performing arts exchange between the United States and the People’s Republic of China, arranging a four-week, four-city tour for the Shenyang Acrobatic Troupe.

- May 1973. With the cooperation of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, we brought the first delegation of journalists from the People’s Republic of China to the United States, introducing them to their professional counterparts and providing a window into American life.

- November 1974. Under our auspices, the first group of American university and college presidents traveled to China, spending three weeks as guests of Chinese educational organizations.

- July 1976. We organized the first Congressional staff member delegation to the People’s Republic. In recent years, we have continued these Congressional staff trips and also send members of Congress to China.