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January 1, 2019, marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and China. After more than four decades of war, and massive numbers of lives lost, that historic achievement was followed by forty years of peace in East Asia and the Pacific. Since then, hundreds of millions of Chinese have been lifted out of poverty and the two economies have become the drivers of world economic growth. The United States and China have jointly confronted global problems such as the financial crisis of 2008, Ebola, piracy, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and climate change. Trade with China has allowed American consumers to save significant sums, which they then spend on education, health care, travel, and consumer goods.

Now, however, growing concerns on both sides bring new challenges to the relationship. Trade and investment friction, cyber intrusions and security, protection of intellectual property rights, security issues, and maritime disputes are among the many issues that threaten to hamper the potential that constructive relations offer to both our nations. Increasing numbers of Americans are questioning the value of engagement with China, yet Americans in every state and from all walks of life are affected by the Sino-American relationship in countless ways. It is therefore important that Americans understand China and how developments there affect us.

Thus, at this critical time, we are very pleased that over 100 venues across 44 states, Washington, D.C., and in three Chinese cities are joining this year’s CHINA Town Hall, a new record for this flagship program. Each venue will tune in to our national webcast and also will have a China expert or panel discuss a topic of specific interest to its community.

We are delighted that Secretary Condoleezza Rice is the national speaker for our 12th annual CHINA Town Hall. In the summer of 1988, the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations sent a group of American Soviet specialists to China and the USSR to discuss with their colleagues in both countries the implications of the Gorbachev reform for Sino-Soviet, Soviet-American, and Sino-American relations. The delegation was headed by a former American ambassador to the Soviet Union and composed of an interesting mix from the academic, military, media, and policy worlds. Condoleezza Rice, then associate professor of political science at Stanford University, was part of that group and wrote the trip report – probably the most soon-to-be-prominent rapporteur the National Committee has ever had! We are delighted that thirty years later Secretary Rice has again agreed to be part of a National Committee program.

We thank Secretary Rice, our local partners and speakers, our media partner SupChina, as well as the Starr Foundation for making this program possible.
CONDOLEEZZA RICE
2018 NATIONAL WEBCAST SPEAKER

Condoleezza Rice is currently the Denning Professor in Global Business and the Economy at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy at the Hoover Institution, and professor of Political Science at Stanford University. She is also a founding partner of RiceHadleyGates, LLC.

From January 2005 to 2009, Secretary Rice served as the 66th Secretary of State of the United States, the second woman and first African American woman to hold the post. She also served as President George W. Bush’s Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (National Security Advisor) from January 2001 to 2005, the first woman to hold the position.

Secretary Rice was Stanford University’s Provost from 1993 to 1999, during which she was the institution’s chief budget and academic officer. As Provost, she was responsible for a $1.5 billion annual budget and the academic program involving 1,400 faculty members and 14,000 students. Secretary Rice has been on the Stanford faculty since 1981 and has won two of the highest teaching honors – the 1984 Walter J. Gores Award for Excellence in Teaching and the 1993 School of Humanities and Sciences Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching.

From 1989 through March 1991, Secretary Rice served on President George H.W. Bush’s National Security Council staff as director and senior director of Soviet and East European Affairs, and as Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. In 1986, while an international affairs fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations, she also served as Special Assistant to the Director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.


In 1991, Secretary Rice cofounded the Center for a New Generation (CNG), an innovative, after-school academic enrichment program for students in East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park, California. CNG has since expanded with chapters in Birmingham, Atlanta, and Dallas.

Since 2009, she has served as a founding partner at RiceHadleyGates, LLC, an international strategic consulting firm in Silicon Valley and Washington, D.C. The firm works with senior executives of major companies to implement strategic plans and expand in emerging markets. Other partners include former National Security Advisor Stephen J. Hadley and former Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates.

Secretary Rice currently serves on the board of Dropbox; C3, an energy software company; and Makena Capital, a private endowment firm. She is also on the boards of the George W. Bush Institute, Commonwealth Club, Aspen Institute, and Boys and Girls Clubs of America. She has served on several other corporate and non-profit boards.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, and currently residing in Stanford, California, Secretary Rice earned her B.A. in political science, cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Denver; her M.A. from the University of Notre Dame; and her Ph.D. from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and has been awarded thirteen honorary doctorates.
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The National Committee is proud to partner with a wide range of institutions and community groups to implement this program. The Committee would like to thank our national webcast speaker, the Honorable Condoleezza Rice; the China specialists that serve as local speakers; and our media partner SupChina for its help in promoting this year’s webcast.

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