CTH FAQ's

What does being a CTH partner venue mean?
For those who are newer to CTH, we want to stress that this is essentially you pulling together your audience for an engaging, no/low-cost public program.

- CTH partner venues agree to convene on October 19 a town hall of community members, either virtually or in-person, to participate in both halves – the national webcast and the local discussion – that comprise CTH.
  - Serving as a CTH Partner Venue requires the host to provide only the most basic technology.
  - Partner Venues planning a virtual Town Hall only need access to virtual meeting platform such as Zoom
- Partner Venues planning an in-person event only need an internet connection, computer, and monitor that the audience can watch. NCUSCR staff will work with you to make sure you have the necessary support
- Your local discussion can be an expert-led conversation and/or presentation that your organization puts together.
- Should your town hall be a virtual event, you can also work with the National Committee to identify an appropriate expert for your venue. (Unlike past years, however, NCUSCR is not able to physically transport the expert to your community.)

What is the purpose of CHINA Town Hall and the local town hall programs?
For 15 years, CHINA Town Hall (CTH) has provided local communities across America a more nuanced understanding of the U.S.-China relationship and its importance to the health of our towns, states, and nation.

How is CTH structured?
CTH consists of a webcast featuring a guest speaker (this year, Fareed Zakaria) in conversation with National Committee President Stephen Orlins. The webcast will be followed (or preceded, if that is more convenient) by an expert-led town hall discussion organized by each participating partner venues on a topic of specific interest to the partner’s local community. Each participating partner will determine on their own whether to hold their local town hall discussion virtually or in-person.

Who are local partners?
The National Committee works with a wide range of institutions and community groups, including but not limited to colleges and universities, world affairs councils, and trade and business associations.

What are the responsibilities of local partners?
All local partners are responsible for organizing their constituents to tune in for the national webcast and convening a local town hall after (or before) the webcast, either virtually or in
person. Local partners are also responsible for conducting audience and media outreach to promote their events.

**What role does the National Committee play in CTH?**
The National Committee produces the national CHINA Town Hall webcast, coordinates with and provides resources to local partners. When requested, the National Committee also assists local partners to identify appropriate experts to serve as speakers at their local town hall discussion.

**What are the technological requirements for CTH this year?**
The National Committee endeavors to keep CTH as low tech as possible.

*For partner venues hosting an in-person event:* Venues will require a high-speed internet connection, a computer, a means of showing the webcast to its audience (e.g., a large flat-panel monitor or LCD projector), and speakers/an audio system so that the audience can hear. The webcast will be streamed via YouTube Live, so there is no need for the venue to download or install any additional software to participate.

*For partner venues hosting a virtual event:* Venues must have access to a virtual meeting platform such as Zoom or Webex. The webcast will be streamed via YouTube Live, so there is no need to ask remote audience members to download or install any additional software to participate; they simply need a computer and internet access.

**CHINA Town Hall sounds great! How do I participate?**
Organizations interested in serving as a local CTH partner should apply via this form as soon as possible. Those who will require the National Committee’s assistance securing a local speaker must apply before September 29.

**Still have questions?**
Please contact us at cth@ncuscr.org and a member of the CHINA Town Hall team will be in touch.