



**The Honorable Condoleezza Rice**  
**Former Secretary of State**  
**and National Security Advisor**

Join the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations for a conversation on China featuring Secretary Rice via webcast, plus in-person discussions with China specialists

**Tuesday, October 9, 2018**

The national webcast takes place from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. EDT, and is either followed or preceded by in-person discussions with China specialists

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**The National Committee is seeking  
partners for local CHINA Town Hall programs**

**To host a program in your local community,  
please submit a proposal via our website:**

**[ncuser.org/cth](http://ncuser.org/cth)**

**Early deadline: Tuesday, July 31\***

**Final deadline: Wednesday, August 15**

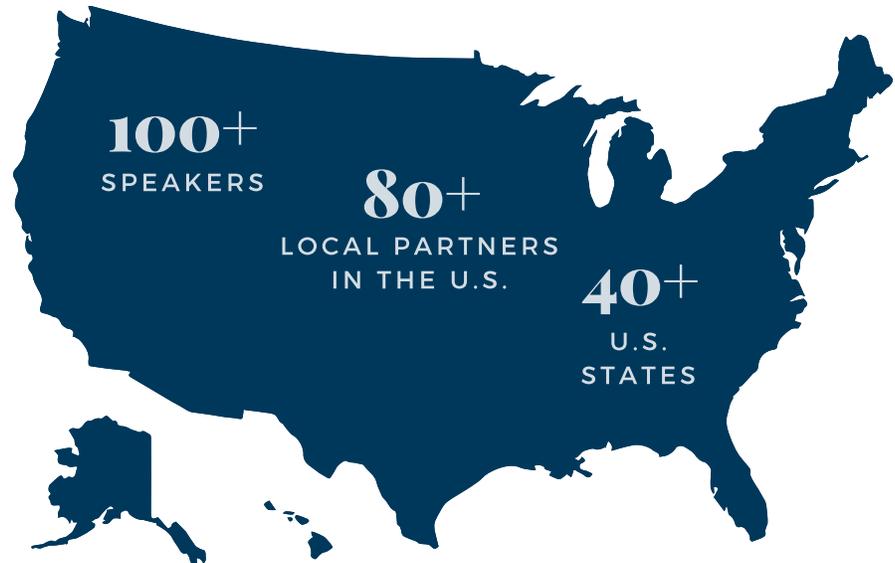
*\*As China specialists will be matched with partners on a rolling basis,  
potential partners are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.*

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## THE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

CHINA Town Hall provides Americans the opportunity to participate in a national conversation about issues in the U.S.-China relationship, via an interactive webcast and in-person discussion with leading experts



*\* Depicts the number of speakers and local partners who participated in 2017.*

## TESTIMONIALS FROM LOCAL PARTNERS

**“A truly unique learning experience for our cadets and students.”**

– The Citadel

**“Provides a wonderful connection for us in Middle America to the events that are happening so rapidly in China.”**

– South Dakota World Affairs Council

**“CHINA Town Hall provides a nonpartisan, nonprofit place where people can come together, discuss, ask questions, get educated, and disagree sometimes about what U.S. foreign policy is and what it should be.”**

– Birmingham Committee on Foreign Relations

**“A great asset to our small, rural, Appalachian community.”**

– Southwest Virginia Community College

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# 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, responsible for a \$1.5 billion annual budget and the academic program involving 1,400 faculty members and 14,000 students. In 1997, she also served on the Federal Advisory Committee on Gender – Integrated Training in the Military.

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.

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. She has authored and co-authored numerous books, including two bestsellers, *No Higher Honor: A Memoir of My Years in Washington* (2011) and *Extraordinary, Ordinary People: A Memoir of Family* (2010).

As an active proponent of after-school programs, 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, in 1991; it 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.

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 as well as the College Football Playoff Committee.

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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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is the purpose of CHINA Town Hall?**

Now in its twelfth year, CHINA Town Hall (CTH) has provided Americans across the country a more nuanced understanding of the implications of China's rise for U.S.-China relations and for their own communities.

### **Who participates in CTH?**

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, to implement the program.

### **How is CTH structured?**

The full CTH program is an hour and forty-five minutes long, broken down into two components. The two components are: (1) a webcast featuring the national webcast speaker, interviewed by National Committee President Stephen Orlins on various issues in the Sino-American relationship; and (2) a China specialist presenting on a China-related topic of your choosing. The specialist will make a brief (20-25 minute) presentation and then answer questions from the local audience.

The local specialist's presentation takes place either before or after the webcast. During the webcast, the national speaker will take questions submitted via Twitter from members of the audiences around the country. The webcast will take place from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. EDT.

### **Who is this year's national webcast speaker?**

We are delighted to announce that The Honorable Condoleezza Rice, former secretary of state and national security advisor, will be our national speaker.

### **Who has participated as a national speaker in the past?**

Past national speakers have included: former President Jimmy Carter, former Secretaries of State Madeleine Albright and Henry Kissinger, former National Security Advisor Susan Rice, as well as former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin alongside Mayor Sheldon Day of Thomasville, Alabama, among others.

### **Who are the local speakers?**

Local speakers come from a diverse background –from academics to business practitioners to former government officials – and can cover a range of topics. These topics have included: Sino-American relations, as well as China's relationship with the world; business, trade, and economy; domestic Chinese politics; society and culture; rule of law and human rights; military and security; energy and environment; education; and science and technology.

### **How are local speakers chosen?**

In the application, each local partner proposes a topic and/or speakers that would be of interest to their audience. We then work with each partner to match them with speakers, drawing upon our deep, broad-ranging network of China specialists across the United States. We do our best to accommodate specific requests for particular speakers.

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## **What role does the National Committee play in CTH?**

For those partners requesting outside speakers, the National Committee finds appropriate specialists and handles all necessary hotel and transportation bookings for them. Most of the cost of travel arrangements are borne by the National Committee.

The National Committee produces the national webcast and also produces a national program brochure to be used by all partners, in conjunction with whatever event materials local partners wish to use.

## **What are the responsibilities of local partners?**

Each local partner serves as a CTH host. All local partners are responsible for executing the event, including securing a physical space to host the program and ensuring the appropriate A/V. Importantly, local partners communicate with speakers once they are secured, and conduct audience and media outreach to promote the event.

Once we approve a proposal from a local venue, we will send briefing materials.

## **Is there a participation fee?**

The National Committee charges a \$200 participation fee to partners that would like to bring in an outside speaker. This fee helps offset some of the costs of getting the speaker to and from the venue, as well as administrative costs. To streamline preparations for the program, the National Committee handles all hotel and transportation bookings.

If your organization has its own speaker(s) in mind, and does not wish to participate in this cost-sharing arrangement, we are happy to have you select someone on your own or from your community. However, we request that you let us know who you have in mind before making any commitments to a speaker.

## **CHINA Town Hall sounds great! How do I participate?**

Venues interested in serving as a local CTH partner should submit an online proposal via our website: <https://www.ncuser.org/cth>.

Early applications are due **Tuesday, July 31**. We strongly encourage potential local partners to submit proposals as soon as possible so that the speaker-local partner matching process can begin immediately; speakers are matched with partners on a rolling basis.

The final application deadline is **Wednesday, August 15**.

## **Questions?**

Please contact us at [cth@ncuser.org](mailto:cth@ncuser.org) and a member of the CHINA Town Hall team will be in touch soon.

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For over 50 years, the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations has promoted understanding and cooperation between the United States and Greater China in the belief that sound and productive Sino-American relations serve vital American and world interests. Our programs create opportunities for informed discussion and reasoned debate about issues of common interest and concern to the United States, Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. We currently organize programs for private and public sector participants on politics and security, education, governance and civil society, economics and trade, the media, and transnational issues such as the environment and public health. We carry out our mission via forums and conferences, professional exchanges and collaborative projects, public outreach programs, and publications and website. We are proud of our over five decades of experience developing innovative programs at the forefront of U.S.-China relations.

The National Committee is a private, non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. In 1972, we sponsored the historic visit of China's Ping-Pong team to the United States, which led to our dual focus on exchanges and public outreach.

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