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USCPF HONORS HU JINTAO



USCPF President Chi Wang greets Chinese President Hu Jintao (left). Hu Jintao gives speech addressing U.S.-China relations (middle). USCPF Co-Chair James Sasser with President Hu (right). Photos by Kaveh Sardari.

USCPF CO-SPONSORS D.C. LUNCHEON FOR CHINESE PRESIDENT

On January 20th, the U.S.-China Policy Foundation was honored to co-host a reception and luncheon for Chinese President Hu Jintao during his 2011 official state visit to Washington, D.C. The event was held at the Marriott Wardman Park hotel in cooperation with the U.S.-China Business Council, the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations and seven other organizations. With approximately 580 distinguished guests in attendance, the luncheon welcomed President Hu on his first visit to the U.S. since 2006. The Chinese president gave a speech highlighting the positive course of U.S.-China relations and

encouraged the formation of a strong “China-U.S. cooperative partnership” for the future.

President Hu’s January visit came at a crucial time for Sino-American relations. Since President Obama’s visit to China in 2009, a series of increasingly tense events had soured relations between the two countries. The January meeting served as a reset for the waning relationship, with the two leaders mutually acknowledging their countries’ crucial ties to each other. The honorary luncheon in D.C. was Hu’s only public event during the important state summit, and the Chinese president’s speech echoed the overall positive tone of the visit. His

central message emphasized the necessity of broadening and enhancing cooperation between the two nations in order to more fully address common global and regional challenges.

The United States and China’s innate cultural, historical, and political differences have long fostered a sense of mutual distrust between the two countries. Confronting this issue in his luncheon speech, President Hu noted that overlapping international responsibilities should now supersede any points of friction in the Sino-American relationship.

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USCPF CELEBRATES FIFTEEN YEARS



2010 Gala Dinner and USCPF Fifteenth Anniversary. Photo by Kaveh Sardari.

The U.S.-China Policy Foundation held its 2010 Annual Gala Dinner, *China in Washington*, on Monday, November 15, 2010, at the Willard InterContinental Hotel in downtown, Washington, D.C. The annual USCPF event recognizes the ongoing efforts of USCPF and others to improve U.S.-China relations. The Foundation welcomed Chinese Ambassador Zhang Yesui and Deputy Chief of Mission Deng Hongbo as honorary guests. In addition, this year’s dinner was of particular significance as it celebrated the 15th anniversary of the founding of the U.S.-China Policy Foundation.

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