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100th Episode of USCPF’s China Forum

The U.S.-China Policy Foundation continues to produce new episodes of its television program, China Forum. We are proud to announce the recent release of our 100th episode. The episode covered U.S.-China military relations with guest Admiral William Fallon and moderator Madeline Fetterly. China Forum airs Sundays at 2 pm on WNVC/MHz1. China Forum is an educational program that seeks to advance American understanding and awareness of the increasingly nuanced relationship between the United States and China. Produced by Dr. Chi Wang, President of USCPF, each weekly program features experts discussing contemporary trends and issues.

So far this year, USCPF has produced eight new China Forum episodes on a number of important topics, including China’s recent assertiveness, China’s military, the future of U.S.-China relations, and recent developments in China-Taiwan relations.

USCPF extends its thanks to all of our featured experts who make it possible for us to continue to discuss the most interesting and relevant issues in U.S.-China relations on China Forum. We look forward to producing new episodes and we welcome suggestions from USCPF friends on future topics. Email any ideas to uscpf@uscpf.org or tweet your ideas to @USCPF.

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Past episodes of China Forum are available on the U.S.-China Policy Foundation’s YouTube page: www.youtube.com/user/uscpf

You can also watch China Forum in the DC metro area on MHz1. Episodes air on Sundays at 2 PM. For more information on China Forum, please visit www.uscpf.org
USCPF Hosts Luncheon Honoring Donald Tong

On Tuesday, January 21, the U.S.-China Policy Foundation hosted a luncheon at the Cosmos Club honoring Donald Tong’s completion of his assignment as the Commissioner of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO). Since assuming the post of Hong Kong Commissioner for Economic and Trade Affairs, USA in October 2008, Commissioner Tong has been a good friend and strong supporter of the U.S.-China Policy Foundation. He has been extremely dedicated to fostering positive U.S.-Hong Kong relations. He also participated in various USCPF activities, including arranging a congressional staff delegation trip to Hong Kong in 2012.

At our luncheon we were honored to congratulate and thank Commissioner Tong for his service and continued dedication to promoting positive relations between the United States and Hong Kong.

USCPF Hosts Reception for Ambassador Max Baucus

On March 12, the U.S.-China Policy Foundation hosted a reception congratulating Senator Max Baucus on his appointment as the new U.S. Ambassador to China. The reception was held in the Chinese Ballroom at the Mayflower Renaissance Hotel just a couple of days before the former Senator moved to Beijing to officially take up his post.

USCPF board members, local China scholars, U.S. and Chinese government officials, and retired ambassadors all attended this special event. Congressman Rick Larsen, co-chair of the U.S.-China Working Group; former Senator Chris Dodd; Minister Lu Kang, Deputy Chief of Mission for the Chinese Embassy; and the newly appointed Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office Commissioner Clement Leung were among the honored guests showing their support for the new ambassador.

Ambassador James Sasser, who, like Baucus, was both a U.S. Senator and ambassador to China, introduced his friend Ambassador Baucus and congratulated him on behalf of the U.S.-China Policy Foundation. Ambassador Baucus then said a few words thanking the guests and sharing his thoughts on taking up his new post.

Baucus told a story about the year in his youth he spent backpacking around the world. During that trip he came to realize how quickly the world was shrinking and the growing importance of global cooperation and understanding. He said, unbeknownst to him, that trip had planted the seeds for his future career in public service and international engagement.

He also emphasized the importance of the U.S.-China relationship and his eagerness to take up this coveted post. He acknowledged that navigating the complicated U.S.-China relationship would have its challenges but said he was ready to work hard and take up his new responsibilities to the fullest.

The U.S.-China Policy Foundation again congratulates Ambassador Baucus and wishes him the best in his new position. We thank him for taking the time out of his busy schedule during his last few days in the U.S. to join us for this reception. We also appreciate the efforts of the U.S. Department of State in helping us schedule this event.
The U.S.-China Policy Foundation was joined by a delegation of Chinese scholars from February 24-25 in Washington, DC. Hosting this visiting group from China gave the U.S.-China Policy Foundation an opportunity to promote increased U.S.-China understanding through people-to-people exchanges and dialogue.

The Chinese delegation was organized by Consensus Media Group, an influential Chinese media group with a global and political focus. The group consisted of top scholars, writers, and thinkers from a wide range of disciplines, including law, economics, American studies, and social sciences. The timing of this trip came not long after China’s Third Plenum and the many new ideas and reforms proposed there. The group traveled to the U.S. to meet with American scholars and policy makers in order to learn from the United States and return to China with new insight and recommendations to help make these reforms a success.

During their first day in Washington, the Chinese scholars visited the office of Congresswoman Grace Meng. Congresswoman Meng is the first Asian American from New York to be elected to Congress. She also serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The delegation had the opportunity to speak with the Congresswoman’s chief of staff about U.S.-China relations and the U.S. Congress before heading on a tour of the Capitol.

For many of the participants, it was their first time in Washington, DC and for some it was their first time in the United States. Visiting our nation’s capital allowed them to gain a better understanding of the U.S., the U.S. system of government, and the values important to Americans. The Chinese scholars then joined USCPF for a welcome dinner where they had an opportunity to familiarize themselves with our Foundation, ask questions, and hear from longtime USCPF friend and China expert, Ambassador Chas W. Freeman, Jr.

The following day, USCPF and the visiting delegation were joined by American China scholars, former U.S. ambassadors to China, and congressional chiefs of staff for a luncheon at the Cosmos Club. Many of the American guests impressed their Chinese counterparts with their excellent Chinese language skills. In a pleasant mix of Mandarin and English, the guests were able to discuss the U.S. and China and share their different perspectives, ideas, and viewpoints.

This type of informal engagement allows for a candid exchange of ideas and helps break down misconceptions between the two countries. The U.S.-China Policy Foundation is happy to host events like these that improve ties between the U.S. and China.
April Policymakers Trip to China

From April 13-23, The U.S.-China Policy Foundation led another successful Policymakers Trip to China. The spring delegation traveled to Beijing, Kunming, Lijiang, and Shenzhen. This trip focused on China’s development, education, and government. The delegation was made up of senior staff members working for both houses of Congress, representing Democrats, Republicans, and Independents in various regions of the United States.

The participants had a full schedule in Beijing. They attended briefings at the U.S. Embassy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Commerce, and the Ministry of Education. These meetings gave the delegation a comprehensive background on China, China’s education and commerce, and U.S.-China relations that provided valuable context for their future meetings.

They also met with students at the Peking University School of International Studies, where they discussed the Chinese education system, American students studying in China, and misunderstandings and differences between the U.S. and China. Before leaving Beijing, participants also visited Dandelion Middle School, a non-profit school providing education for low-income migrant worker’s children.

The delegation then traveled to Yunnan, a Chinese province known for its ethnic diversity. There are 25 ethnic minorities in Yunnan province. In Kunming, Yunnan’s capital city, the delegation had the opportunity to visit Yunnan Nationalities High School, a school dedicated to providing education for students of 33 different nationalities. Participants also met with representatives from the Standing Committee of Yunnan’s Provincial People’s Congress.

In Lijiang, a more rural area of Yunnan Province, the congressional staff delegation visited Baisha Primary school. Visiting Kunming and Lijiang gave the delegation the opportunity to experience the ethnic diversity of China and see some of its more rural areas. While in Yunnan, the participants also witnessed some of China’s beautiful natural scenery.

After visiting Yunnan, the delegation traveled to Shenzhen. Shenzhen is a southern city in China right next to Hong Kong. It was the first city opened up to economic development in the 1980s and is a model city of China’s rapid economic growth. While in Shenzhen, the delegation visited the Shenzhen Museum, met with the Shenzhen Foreign Language School, and spoke with a monk at the Hong Fa Buddhist Temple.

The delegation was able to see many different types of schools, meet with local officials, and engage in candid conversations that increased their overall understanding of China. The U.S.-China Policy Foundation was pleased to host another Policymakers Trip and hopes the participants will be able to share what they learned with their respective offices. We would also like to thank the Chinese People’s Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA) for their help making the trip a success.
On May 12, 2014, USCPF President Chi Wang received an honorary fellowship from the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). Dr. Wang was recognized for his contributions to the university during his time as a faculty member there, as well as his lifetime achievements in library science and the improvement of U.S.-China relations.

From 1970 to 1972, during a leave from the U.S. Library of Congress, Dr. Wang served as the University Librarian at CUHK. In this role, Dr. Wang helped start the university library system and built the central library on CUHK's Shatin campus. He also introduced Library of Congress classification schemes to Hong Kong; previously, Hong Kong universities all used separate classification systems. From 1984-86, Dr. Wang returned to CUHK as the acting University Librarian and established CUHK’s medical library. More than 40 years after his initial time with the university, CUHK still remembers his contributions to the university library system and continued support of the university’s work to educate local and international students.

Dr. Wang was among seven recipients honored at CUHK’s 13th Honorary Fellowship Conferment Ceremony on CUHK’s campus. Chairman of the University Council Dr. Vincent Cheng and CUHK Vice-Chancellor Dr. Joseph Sung presided over the ceremony, and distinguished CUHK alumna Dr. Anita Leung delivered the keynote address. Afterward, the honories enjoyed a reception with their family, friends, and CUHK senior faculty.

Dr. Wang was also invited by CUHK University Librarian Ms. Louise Jones to visit the central library he had helped build. He was graciously received by library staff members excited to give him a tour of recent additions to the library. Dr. Wang was very impressed with these improvements.

During Dr. Wang’s tenure as CUHK’s University Librarian, U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger made his historic visit to Beijing that would lead to the normalization of diplomatic relations between the countries. This event would have a great impact on the trajectory of Dr. Wang’s career. Shortly after he returned to the United States and his position at the Library of Congress, Dr. Wang was invited to China to help establish educational and cultural exchanges between the two countries.
The U.S.-China Policy Foundation hosted a luncheon discussion with a delegation from the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) on May 30 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. The CPPCC is a political and organizational body for implementing the basic political system of multiparty cooperation and political consultation led by the Chinese People’s Congress (CPC) and an important component of China’s political system. In its broadest sense, the CPPCC carries out the principle of, “great unity, great solidarity, and embracing all representative figures.” The delegation was lead by the honorable Liu Xiaofeng, Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the CPPCC.

This luncheon was one of the first public events attended by the CPPCC in the United States since the 1970s. Hosting this visiting delegation from Beijing gave the U.S.-China Policy Foundation an opportunity to promote increased understanding of the U.S.-China relationship through people-to-people exchanges and dialogue.

Prior to our event, the delegation sent USCPF a list of topics they were interested in discussing. These topics included, “other models of democracy apart from electoral democracy,” “suggestions for China’s economic and social development,” “ways to balance industrialization, urbanization, and environmental protection,” and “suggestions for developing China-U.S. relations.” In order to promote an insightful discussion, USCPF asked Ambassador Chas Freeman Jr. to serve as moderator of this luncheon.

After informal conversations over lunch, Ambassador Freeman introduced the members of the CPPCC delegation and welcomed them to our event. After a brief introduction by Vice Chairman Liu, Ambassador Freeman opened the floor for discussion. Dr. Jeremy Wu of the Committee of 100 began our discussion with a question on China’s new reform plan for urbanization. Dr. Wu expressed concern for the quality of data the Chinese are using to create their reform plan. He fears that bad data has the potential to lessen the effectiveness of the urban reform. In response to this, Vice Chairman Liu said that the Chinese government is aware of this problem and is working to improve it. Moreover, he said the CPPCC is also concerned with this problem and believes the urbanization plan should not be focused on building big cities but instead on smaller towns. Vice Chairman Liu also emphasized that when planning urban reform it is important to consider the rights of the people and find ways to assimilate migrants into the cities.

Dr. Yukon Huang of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace continued the conversation by asking the CPPCC if they considered that China’s cities might actually be too small, rather than too big like most people assume. According
to a recent Urban China Report, China’s cities are actually smaller than some of the world’s largest cities such as New York City, London, and Tokyo. Dr. Huang suggested that focusing more on building up Chinese cities’ infrastructure instead of limiting their growth would be more beneficial in the long-run. In response to this thought provoking idea, a member of the CPPCC delegation expressed confidence that China can control an urban transformation without negative externalities if managed properly.

The conversation then shifted to a discussion of U.S.-China relations. Dr. Kenneth Lieberthal of The Brookings Institution noted that renewed concerns from both China and the United States influence the direction of the U.S.-China relationship. He specifically cited the recent developments in maritime disputes and how the U.S. and China view these disputes differently. Dr. Lieberthal suggested that top leaders on both sides need to have “quiet discussions” on how to establish mutual confidence and progress in their relationship as well as move away from emotional accusations. Chances to do this include the APEC Summit and the Strategic and Economic Dialogue. Ms. Zhao Mei of the CPPCC agreed with Dr. Lieberthal and suggested that diversifying China’s relationships with the United States will also help achieve mutual understanding.

Mr. Robert Daly, director at the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States, continued our discussion of U.S.-China relations by suggesting that perhaps it is time to retire the “great power relations” phrase to used to describe U.S.-China relations. As the phrase is not used equally on both sides (China often uses it while the U.S. rarely does), Mr. Daly contended that sticking to the phrase “U.S.-China Relations” would better facilitate communication. Vice Chairman Sun Yuanshiang, of the Liaoning Provincial committee of the CPPCC, countered this suggestion by noting the phrase “U.S.-China relations” takes on different meanings at different times. In the past it meant confrontation and now it means communication and cooperation. Therefore, it is important to have a clear, specific understanding of the nature of the relationship and thus it is good to use the phrase “great power relations.” Mr. Daly expanded on his views on “the great power relationship” in a recent episode of the USCPF television program, China Forum, which can be viewed on our YouTube channel.

Former Senator and current CEO of the Motion Pictures Association Chris Dodd shifted the focus of our discussion by saying that U.S.-China relations in the film industry are very positive and that he sees huge potential for how U.S.-China relations within the film industry could positively influence U.S.-China relations in general.

Before our luncheon concluded, Vice Chairman Liu expressed the sentiment that, despite the short time frame, the meeting was very enlightening, and said he would bring the opinions and suggestions back to Beijing to research them further. He concluded by saying that, no matter what we call it, the future of our bilateral relations is good and bright and with our combined efforts we can bring relations to an even better level.

USCPF’s President Chi Wang, concluded our luncheon discussion by thanking everyone for attending the event and emphasizing the importance of people-to-people exchange and the gathering of both sides for the free flow of ideas. The U.S.-China Policy Foundation was honored to host this event and would like to thank all the discussion participants.
Admiral Fallon Represents USCPF at Symposium

Admiral William J. Fallon, former head of the U.S. Central Command and U.S. Pacific Command, represented the U.S.-China Policy Foundation at The International Symposium on Security and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region. The Symposium, held in Beijing from May 27-28, was a public event bringing together over 100 military, policy, and academic experts from across the globe. Participants from at least 19 different countries took part in the event.

The symposium was hosted by the China Institute for International and Strategic Studies (CIISS) and included sessions covering both the primary security challenges and issues for the Asia-Pacific region and the main areas for potential cooperation in the region. Participating in these meetings gave Admiral Fallon the opportunity to discuss important international issues with his peers in an informal and relaxed setting.

Admiral Fallon also gave a keynote address during the opening ceremony for the symposium. The admiral spoke about the importance of security in the Asia-Pacific region, citing the region's demographic importance, the regional friction, and our growing global interdependence. He recognized the difficulties the leaders in the region face when trying to overcome these challenges and move forward but also noted the many shared common interests. He ended by advising the many leaders present that:

“...We face choices of all kinds every day. Choices which impact the security of this region are very important. Leaders should lead by example; make good choices for the common good of our increasingly interdependent populations, proactively manage risk and instill confidence that we are going to move in a positive direction regarding security.”

This type of Track II dialogue is essential for the improvement of U.S.-China relations and the international system as a whole. We were honored to have Admiral Fallon participate in this symposium on behalf of USCPF.

The full text of Admiral Fallon’s speech can be found on the USCPF website.
USCPF at Association for Asian Studies Conference

This year the U.S.-China Policy Foundation participated as exhibitors at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) annual conference held March 27-30 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Association for Asian Studies is a non-profit professional organization founded in 1941 and dedicated to facilitating the scholarly study and exchange of ideas in all disciplines as they relate to Asia. Their annual conference provides a platform for scholars to present papers, attend panels, share viewpoints, and meet with colleagues in their field.

USCPF was one of the exhibitors in the heavily-trafficked AAS Conference exhibit hall. The hall was open for the duration of the conference, not only to conference attendees but also to the general public.

Participating in this conference gave the U.S.-China Policy Foundation an opportunity to share our organization’s mission statement with a broader audience, create new contacts for potential future collaborations, and maintain a current foothold in the wider Asian studies community. Events like these allow USCPF to continue our engagement with academia and bridge the gap between university organizations and the non-profit work we do.

At the U.S.-China Policy Foundation booth we displayed various Foundation publications, including our Washington Journal of Modern China and the recently published book, The United States and China Since World War II, by USCPF president and co-chair Professor Chi Wang. We also streamed episodes from our weekly television program, China Forum, and handed out brochures about our Foundation, our recent events, and our various programs.
News Briefs

News Briefs are published on our website on a weekly basis. The U.S.-China News Briefs summarize and analyze current issues pertinent to U.S.-China relations using a variety of news sources. Our latest news briefs have covered a range of topics, including President Xi’s recent trip to South Korea, China’s involvement in RIMPAC, and the controversy surrounding Yulin’s dog-eating festival in June. Excerpts are included below. For full articles, visit www.uscpf.org.

What does China’s South Korea Visit Mean?
July 7, 2014

In early July, China’s President Xi Jinping visited South Korea. This was the first time a Chinese president visited South Korea before North Korea in his official capacity as president. While Beijing opened official diplomatic relations with South Korea in 1992, the Chinese leaders traditionally visit Pyongyang before visiting Seoul in deference to North Korea. This was South Korean President Park Geun-hye’s fifth meeting with Xi Jinping since she took office.

Will RIMPAC affect U.S.-China Relations?
July 2, 2014

The Rim of the Pacific naval exercise (RIMPAC) brings together more than 20 nations for a month-long naval exercise every other year. This year, 22 nations and more than 25,000 sailors and military personnel are participating. According to Reuters, this year’s RIMPAC involves 55 vessels and more than 200 aircraft—the largest RIMPAC since its commencement. The U.S. Navy’s Pacific Fleet hosts the event out of Honolulu, Hawaii. For the first time since RIMPAC began in 1971, China is also participating in the drills.

The Controversy Surrounding Yulin’s Dog-eating Festival
June 24, 2014

The annual Yulin dog-eating festival began on June 21st and caused an uproar from animal activist groups and a rebuttal from the merchants butchering and selling dog meat.
Washington Journal of Modern China

The U.S.-China Policy Foundation will release the next edition of its journal, *Washington Journal of Modern China* (WJMC), in Fall 2014. The WJMC is a policy-oriented publication with scholarly articles on modern Chinese culture, economics, history, politics, and U.S.-China relations. The Journal also features informal material, such as transcripts from discussions and round-table events, travel observations, and book reviews. Now in its 22nd year of publication, WJMC subscribers include many top academic and policy institutions.

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