



# The United States-China Policy Foundation

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## About Professor Chi Wang and the U.S.-China Policy Foundation

Dr. Chi Wang, President and Co-Chair of the U.S.-China Policy Foundation, first came to the United States as a high school student in 1949. He completed both his undergraduate and graduate education in the U.S., receiving a PhD in American Diplomatic History from Georgetown University in 1969. He soon began teaching history at Georgetown, where he still teaches part-time today. Professor Wang also spent three years working in the U.S. Department of State and 47 years working for the Library of Congress. While at the Library of Congress, Professor Wang expanded its Chinese collection from 300,000 volumes to over one million by the time he retired in 2004, making it the top center for research on China in the U.S. Chi Wang advised government workers, officials, and academics from around the world who came to research there.

Chi Wang has been involved in working to improve U.S.-China relations since 1966, when he participated in the founding conference of the National Committee on U.S. China Relations. From 1966-1972, Professor Wang remained actively involved in improving bilateral ties, leading the State Department and Library of Congress to select him to take part in one of the first official trips to China after Nixon's famous visit. As a result of his visit, many cultural and educational exchange programs were developed.

In the following years, Professor Wang continued working towards improved U.S.-China relations. He assisted with the 1973 creation of the U.S. Liaison Office in Beijing and the Chinese Liaison Office in DC, meeting General Huang Zhen. He even greeted Deng Xiaoping during his 1979 visit the U.S. and first met future Chinese Ambassadors Yang Jiechi and Zhou Wenzhong. Wang also served as an advisor and consultant for U.S. leaders and administrations.

In 1995, Professor Chi Wang, along with Ambassador Chas W. Freeman, Jr., the late Ambassadors John H. Holdridge and Arthur Hummel, Jr., and the late Professor A. Doak Barnett, founded the U.S.-China Policy Foundation (USCPF). The U.S.-China Policy Foundation is a non-partisan, non-profit organization created to promote greater understanding between American and Chinese policymakers, researchers, and government officials.

The U.S.-China Policy Foundation strives to achieve its goals in a variety of ways. USCPF facilitates candid conversations between Chinese and American scholars on a wide range of topics. Recent events include a luncheon discussion with visiting representatives from the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, talks on U.S.-China military relations headed by former PACOM commander Admiral Bill Fallon, and informal gatherings of U.S. and Chinese scholars to discuss the future of bilateral ties. USCPF also organizes U.S. congressional staff delegations to China to provide first-hand experiences of China that will enhance their understanding of U.S.-China relations and help them better advise their Senators and Representatives in Congress.

In addition to its various programs and events, USCPF produces episodes of *China Forum*, the only weekly talk show dedicated solely to discussing topics related to China, and releases publications such as *The Washington Journal of Modern China*. Professor Chi Wang has also published several books, including *The United States and China Since World War II* (2013), *Building a Better Chinese Collection for the Library of Congress* (2012), and his personal memoir, *A Compelling Journey from Beijing to Washington* (2011). His latest book, *Obama's Challenge to China: The Pivot to Asia*, came out in July 2015.