Front cover image: Pu Ru (1896-1963), Scholars Under Pine. From the collection of Chi Wang. The painting was dedicated to Chi Wang’s father-in-law, Mr. Xie Chenbing (1909-2003), a famous collector of Chinese art and friend of Pu Ru. It was displayed at the Ageless Chinese Art exhibit (see page 7 for details).
Greetings from Chi Wang

This year, the U.S.-China Policy Foundation (USCPF) celebrated its 20th anniversary. As one of the co-founders of USCPF, I have been actively involved in the Foundation’s work over the past two decades and know the amount of dedication, effort, and passion that has been involved in keeping this organization working towards its mission of improving U.S.-China mutual understanding. I am extremely proud that USCPF has reached this milestone anniversary and hope we will be able to continue the work we do for years to come.

I remember discussing the importance of the U.S.-China relationship with Ambassadors John Holdridge, Arthur W. Hummel, Jr., and Chas W. Freeman, Jr. when we first discussed founding this organization in 1995. Since then, the importance of the U.S.-China relationship has only grown. This bilateral relationship cannot be overlooked. At the same time, mistrust and misunderstanding still prevails. In order for these two countries to work together constructively and avoid future conflict, Americans and Chinese must increase their engagement and understanding.

The USCPF is proud to contribute to this goal by facilitating meaningful dialogues and exchanges between experts and policymakers, educating young professionals on this important bilateral relationship, engaging with Congress, congressional staff, and other government officials, reaching out to Chinese officials and visiting delegations from China, and publishing educational content.

This year, we were honored to have our special anniversary coincide with Chinese President Xi Jinping’s first official state visit to the United States. The USCPF helped welcome President Xi Jinping to the U.S. at a dinner and reception in Seattle. During his policy remarks, President Xi emphasized the value of organizations, including the U.S.-China Policy Foundation, that are dedicated to improving the U.S.-China relationship. The importance of people-to-people exchanges and informal dialogue to enhancing overall bilateral ties should not be overlooked.

An overview of the events and programs organized by the U.S.-China Policy Foundation over the past year are included in the subsequent annual report. In thinking about our achievements over the past year, I know they would not have been possible without the support and hard work of the USCPF staff and Board Members.

I also want to thank our generous sponsors for providing us with the means to continue our programs. Unlike many other NGOs, think tanks and organizations, USCPF does not accept foreign or U.S. government money in order to maintain our independence and neutrality. We are also able to leverage a much smaller budget to provide the same quality of programs as much larger organizations. I can only imagine how much we would be able to accomplish with more resources. Even small donations will go a long way to helping continue our programs.

USCPF is a hard-working organization that has stood the test of time and made meaningful contributions towards our mission. Looking ahead, I am eager to continue building on our past accomplishments.

Chi Wang, Ph.D.
President and Co-Chair
United States-China Policy Foundation

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Introduction & Mission

Founded in 1995, the United States-China Policy Foundation (USCPF) is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting greater understanding between American and Chinese policymakers, researchers, and government officials. USCPF seeks to provide opportunities for students, researchers, and practitioners of foreign policy to interact in more diverse and substantial ways. USCPF also conducts research on U.S.-China policies and relations in the Asia-Pacific region. The Foundation does not attempt to influence policy decisions, but instead provides information in order to increase awareness of issues in U.S.-China relations.

The Foundation’s operational funds come exclusively from private donations. The organization is governed by a board of prominent officials, distinguished scholars and leading citizens. The Foundation’s central headquarters are located on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

As a research-oriented organization, the Foundation undertakes the following activities to fulfill its educational mission:

**COORDINATING** research efforts on topics and issues related to U.S.-China policy.

**ORGANIZING** exchanges and visits between specialists on U.S.-China relations, policymakers, and officials from both nations.

**FACILITATING** opportunities for discussion between U.S. policymakers and senior Chinese leaders in an unofficial capacity.

**EDUCATING** bright, young college graduates on U.S.-China policy and helping them pursue their professional aspirations.

**ACTING** as a focal point for an informal network of American China specialists and Chinese America specialists.

**PROVIDING** free consultative services to American scholars and policymakers on various U.S.-China policy issues.

**SUGGESTING** or furnishing experts with information on issues related to U.S.-China policy.

**PROMOTING** the development of China studies in U.S. institutions of higher education.

**MAINTAINING** a collection of scholarly work and articles for research purposes.

**HOSTING** seminars and conferences on issues related to U.S.-China relations.

For more information, please visit the U.S.-China Policy Foundation’s website: [www.uscpf.org](http://www.uscpf.org)
Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived in the U.S. on September 22 and began his trip in Seattle, Washington. In Seattle, the U.S.-China Policy Foundation, in cooperation with event co-hosts the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, the U.S.-China Business Council, and the Washington State Welcoming Committee, welcomed the Chinese president to the U.S. with a banquet dinner and reception.

During the dinner, President Xi delivered his only public policy address during his trip to the U.S. He spoke of the many changes and advancements China has gone through in recent years and the continued progress that still needs to be made, touched on policy concerns, and emphasized China’s role in the international community and the importance of improving U.S.-China bilateral ties. During his speech, President Xi also paid tribute to the work of organizations striving to foster better U.S.-China relations, including a reference to the U.S.-China Policy Foundation.

The U.S.-China Policy Foundation was honored to be a part of this special event. Over the years, USCPF has been involved in welcome banquets for many Chinese presidents and other leaders, including during Xi Jinping’s 2012 visit to Washington, DC as vice president.
In 2015, the U.S.-China Policy Foundation led two successful Policymakers Trips to China. These delegations include senior congressional staff from both Republican and Democrat offices in the House and Senate. For most participants, these trips are their first experiences visiting China. The delegations allow participants to receive an introduction to China, engage in meetings with Chinese officials, and experience the diversity of China. This provides participants with a better understanding of China and U.S.-China relations that can then be used when they return to their offices in Washington.

**Spring Policymakers Trip**

The spring policymakers delegation traveled to Beijing, Xi’an, and Shanghai from March 28-April 7. The trip highlighted China’s history, from ancient times through today, and had a special emphasis on commerce and development. Many of the participants were from offices serving on the Foreign Relations, Foreign Affairs, and Commerce Committees. Half were from office of newly elected Members of Congress.

In Beijing, the delegation met with the U.S. Embassy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the American Chamber of Commerce, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), and professors at Peking University. This wide range of meetings with both U.S. and Chinese experts and practitioners gave the delegation a diverse and comprehensive look at the key areas of interest in U.S.-China relations.

These meetings also provided an opportunity for the participants to ask questions about trade, commerce, security and other areas of particular interest to their offices. For example, the prospective Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and U.S.-China Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) were both discussed throughout the different meetings.

By visiting Xi’an, one of China’s ancient capitals, participants had the opportunity to learn about China’s long history. They also met with local officials from the Shaanxi (provincial) Foreign Affairs Office.

The delegation then traveled to Shanghai, China’s financial hub and most populated city. After being designated a Special Economic Zone by the Chinese government, Shanghai’s Pudong New Area quickly developed into a thriving modern urban center. The delegation learned about this rapid economic development and China’s economic reforms by visiting Shanghai’s Urban Planning Museum, the Shanghai Stock Exchange, and the New Pilot Free Trade Zone.
The August policymakers delegation from August 8-18 traveled to Beijing, Shenyang, and Dalian. This trip focused on commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII and included visits to several WWII related historical sites and museums. Most participants were from offices serving on the Armed Services Committee.

In Beijing, the delegation met with the U.S. Embassy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of National Defense, and the Beijing-based gaming company Perfect World, Inc. Participants visited historical sites such as the Great Wall and the Forbidden City. They also visited a WWII memorial museum and the Marco Polo Bridge, the site of the July 7, 1937 battle between Chinese and Japanese armies. This battle is considered the official start of the Second Sino-Japanese War, which merged into WWII.

The delegation then visited Shenyang. Shenyang is the largest city in Northeast China and has a long history. In more recent history, Shenyang was a key entry point into China for the Japanese during the Sino-Japanese War. On September 18, 1931 Japanese forces entered Shenyang during what is known as the Mukden Incident. This led to a full scale invasion of the region and the formation of a Japanese puppet state in 1932 that lasted until the end of WWII in 1945.

In addition to learning about the history of the region, the delegation visited a commercial aircraft company, met officials from the local Provincial People’s Congress, and visited a nearby village. These activities allowed participants to see Chinese industry, interact with local officials, and see the difference between Chinese villages and cities.

The participants departed Shenyang by high speed train and visited Dalian. The area that is now called Dalian was occupied and re-occupied by Japan and Russia in a back-and-forth that resulted from the First Sino-Japanese War, Russo-Japanese War, and WWII. While the Soviet Union finally left Dalian in 1955, Dalian’s Russian and Japanese colonial past made a lasting imprint on the city. Today, Dalian is a trading and financial center and is one of China’s most heavily developed industrial areas.

Congressional staff delegations to China serve as an important method of exchange between U.S. and Chinese policymakers. We hope the participants will return to their congressional offices with a better understanding of China and U.S.-China relations. The USCPF would like to thank the Chinese People’s Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA) for their help making these trips successful.
Panel Discussions

President Xi Jinping’s Anti-Corruption Campaign

On March 10, the USCPF hosted a panel discussion event titled “Tigers and Flies: Xi Jinping’s Anti-Corruption Campaign” at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. The panel covered the issue of corruption in China, as well as the level of success and overall impact of Xi Jinping’s ambitious anti-corruption campaign. The motivations behind the anti-corruption campaign, economic considerations, public perception of corruption in China, and corruption’s role in the media were all addressed.

Christopher K. Johnson from the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Dr. Yukon Huang of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Dr. Bruce Dickson of the George Washington University, and Dr. Sasha Gong of Voice of America participated in the panel. USCPF Board Member and professor at Johns Hopkins University, Dr. David M. Lampton, moderated the event.

President Xi Jinping’s Visit to the U.S.

On October 9, the USCPF held a panel discussion at the Confucius Institute U.S. Center titled “President Xi in the U.S.: Takeaways from Xi Jinping’s Recent Visit.”

Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy, USCPF Board Member and former U.S. Ambassador to China, moderated the event. The panel included Mr. Douglas Paal of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Dr. Robert Sutter from the Elliot School of International Affairs at George Washington University, Ambassador Richard Solomon from the RAND Corporation, Dr. Yukon Huang from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Mr. Alan Romberg from the Stimson Center.

The panelists each covered a distinct topic related to President Xi Jinping’s visit to the U.S. and the overall state of U.S.-China relations. Panelists discussed areas for potential cooperation between the U.S. and China, how President Xi Jinping has affected China’s foreign policy, the importance of economic factors for the U.S.-China bilateral relationship, and how relations with Taiwan play into the U.S.-China relationship.
Photo Exhibit
Commemorating U.S.-China WWII Alliance

From June 8-12, the USCPF photo exhibit titled “The U.S.-China WWII Alliance” was on display in the Rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building. The exhibit culminated in a reception that brought together a range of people, including scholars, students, and government and military officials, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of World War II and remember the U.S.-China wartime alliance that helped bring victory in the Pacific theater.

During the reception, Ambassador Chas W. Freeman, Jr, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense and former ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Lt. Gen. John Fairfield, U.S. Air Force (retired), and Professor Chi Wang, USCPF President, shared their views on the importance of the past U.S.-China’s military cooperation and potential for future cooperation as well as anecdotes and personal accounts about the U.S.-China WWII alliance.

Ageless Chinese Art

On September 10, USCPF hosted a panel discussion at the opening of the exhibit “Ageless Chinese Art: A Virginia Scholar’s Collection of Chinese Calligraphy and Paintings.” The panel discussion, attended by a packed room of university students, featured GMU professors Dr. Carma Hinton and Dr. Michael Chang, and USCPF President Dr. Chi Wang.

The exhibit, on display at the George Mason University (GMU) Fine Arts Gallery from September 10-October 23, showcased 60 pieces from USCPF President Chi Wang’s private collection of Chinese paintings and calligraphy. The exhibit was well-received by the more than 100 guests who attended the opening as well as those visited during its time at GMU. The exhibit provided a rare opportunity to view a large collection of Chinese paintings and calligraphy in the DC metro area and was appreciated by local Chinese art lovers as well as those experiencing Chinese art for the first time.

Left:
Xu Beihong (1895-1953)
Running Horse

Right:
Chen Lifu (1900-2001)
Principles for Being a Good Chinese Citizen
The U.S.–China Policy Foundation Annual Gala, held November 18, 2015 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC, proved a fitting way to celebrate the Foundation’s 20th anniversary. USCPF has worked tirelessly to enrich mutual understanding between the United States and China throughout the past two decades.

Attendance at the Gala included diplomats from the Chinese, French, Nepalese, Philippine, Singaporean, and Vietnamese embassies, representatives of American and Chinese business communities, China scholars, former U.S. Ambassadors to China, and government officials. The Gala was co-chaired by Ambassador James Sasser, former U.S. Ambassador to China and former U.S. Senator from Tennessee, and Ambassador Richard Solomon, former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs and former U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, at the Mayflower Hotel in downtown Washington, DC.

The dinner recognized the achievements of The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, the Chao Family and the Ruth Mulan Chu Chao Foundation, and Admiral William J. Fallon. After the award presentations and speeches, our special dinner speaker, Congressman Rick Larsen (D-WA) provided remarks. Congressman Larsen is the co-founder and co-chair of the Congressional U.S.-China Working Group (USCWG).

The 20th Annual Gala was the culmination of another successful year for USCPF under the stewardship of its co-founder and president, Dr. Chi Wang, which included co-hosting the welcome banquet for President Xi Jinping during his September visit, several panel discussions, two Policymakers Trips to China, photo and art exhibits, and other events and activities.

The USCPF would like to thank all the gala speakers, guests, and the Mayflower Hotel for making this event a success. We would also like to give a special thanks to our sponsors. As a non-profit organization, we truly would not be able to continue the work we do without the generous support of our sponsors. More information about this year’s gala dinner, including photos, media, and video links, can be found on the USCPF website.
Congressman Rick Larsen speaking at the 2015 Gala Dinner

View of the ballroom during the 20th Annual Gala Dinner

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao gives remarks at the 2015 Gala Dinner

USCPF President Dr. Chi Wang (L) speaks with the PRC Embassy’s Minister Li Kexin

Hong Kong Commissioner Clement C.M. Leung (L) speaks with The Honorable Elaine L. Chao

Ambassador James Sasser gives welcome remarks

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Meetings and Dialogues

Military Delegation Dinner

On June 30, USCPF hosted a dinner for a visiting delegation from the China Institute of Strategic Studies (CIISS), a think tank associated with the Chinese Ministry of Defense that explores defense and strategic issues. The CIISS delegation was led by retired Major General Huang Baifu, Vice Chairman of CIISS. USCPF board members and retired U.S. military officers joined the dinner to discuss U.S.-China military-to-military relations with their Chinese counterparts.

China Youth Delegation Visit

On October 21, USCPF met with a visiting delegation from the All-China Youth Federation (ACYF) organized by Yale University. The ACYF is a group of young Chinese Communist leaders. The delegation participated in lectures by Yale faculty members before coming to DC to attend meetings. USCPF president, Dr. Chi Wang, spoke with the delegation and answered questions about the state of U.S.-China relations and prospects for the future. USCPF makes educating and reaching out to young professionals in both the U.S. and China a priority as these individuals will go on to shape the future of the vital U.S.-China relationship.

Discussion About the Book Obama’s Challenge to China

On November 9, USCPF president, Professor Chi Wang, gave a talk at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies’ China Studies Department about his new book, Obama’s Challenge to China: The Pivot to Asia. Dr. Wang spoke about his book, which explores the developments in the U.S.-China bilateral relationship that have occurred during the Obama administration. He also discussed the overall state of the U.S.-China relationship. Dr. David M. Lampton moderated the event.

Obama’s Challenge to China discusses the Obama Administration’s approach towards China and how these decisions set the stage for a new era in U.S.-China relations. Published by Ashgate in July 2015.
The USCPF continues to produce new episodes of its television program, *China Forum*. With nearly 200 episodes produced since 1991, *China Forum* is an educational program that seeks to advance American understanding and awareness of the increasingly nuanced relationship between the U.S. and China.

*China Forum* covered a wide variety of topics during 2015. Guests included Dr. Cynthia Watson of the National War College who discussed China’s involvement in Latin America, Dr. Jennifer Turner of the Wilson Center’s Environment Forum who gave updates on China’s environmental policies, and Dr. Scott Kennedy from the Center for Strategic & International Studies who discussed current trends in Internet governance and censorship in China.

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