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RECEPTION
Chinese Room, 6:30-7:00 PM

DINNER & PROGRAM
Grand Ballroom, 7:00-9:30 PM

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1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Program

WELCOME REMARKS
Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy

Ms. Laura Stone
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for China and Mongolia
The Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

DINNER SERVICE

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARDS
Mr. Hongyi (Charlie) Jiang
Chairman and CEO of China-U.S. SkyClub

Ms. Stella Li
President, BYD Motors Inc.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Ambassador Max Sieben Baucus
U.S. Senator from Montana (1978-2014)

Ambassador Cui Tiankai
Chinese Ambassador to the U.S. (2013-Present)

CLOSING REMARKS
Ambassador James Sasser
U.S. Ambassador to China (1996-1999)
U.S. Senator from Tennessee (1977-1995)

Dr. Chi Wang
President and Co-Chair, U.S.-China Policy Foundation
On January 7, 2014 U.S. President Barack Obama nominated Max Sieben Baucus to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the People’s Republic of China. He served as Ambassador from February 21, 2014 until January 19, 2017. Ambassador Baucus formerly served as the senior United States Senator from Montana. He served in the U.S. Senate from 1978 to 2014 and was Montana’s longest serving U.S. Senator as well as the third longest tenure among those serving in the U.S. Senate.

While in the Senate, Ambassador Baucus was Chairman and Ranking Member of the powerful Senate Committee on Finance. While Chairman, he was the chief architect of the Affordable Health Care Act (ACA), which was signed by President Barack Obama into law March 23, 2009.

Ambassador Baucus has extensive experience in international trade. As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, he led the passage and enactment of Free Trade Agreements with 11 countries: Australia, Bahrain, Jordan, Chile, Colombia, Morocco, Oman, Panama, Peru, Singapore and South Korea. He was deeply involved in orchestrating the congressional approval of permanent normal trade relations with China in 2000 and in facilitating China’s entrance into the World Trade Organization in 2001.

Ambassador Baucus also served as Vice Chairman of the Senate Joint Committee on Taxation and as a member of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry where he led in the reauthorization of numerous Farm Bills. He was selected as a member of the Senate Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (Super Committee) following the financial crisis of 2008. He was also a member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and chaired its Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure where he managed numerous infrastructure legislative acts and Highway Bills.

Before his election to the U.S. Senate, Ambassador Baucus represented Montana in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1975 to 1978 and represented Missoula, Montana in the Montana House of Representatives from 1973 to 1974. Ambassador Baucus earned a bachelor’s and law degree from Stanford University. He is married to Melodee Hanes and they have three children and one adorable granddaughter.

Mr. Hongyi (Charlie) Jiang has been managing director of Vantone Holdings Co., Ltd. and chairman of the China Center New York LLC since November 2013. In that time, Mr. Jiang has successfully accomplished a paradigm shift and redefined the China Center New York project, which started in 2006. In 2016, China Center New York established the China-U.S. SkyClub on the 89th Floor of One World Trade Center and signed management agreements with ClubCorp, the largest owner and operator of private country clubs in the United States, and the China World Trade Center in Beijing. With an investment of $50 million in the Freedom Tower, China-U.S. SkyClub is committed to transforming the 35,000 square feet space into a premier private business club for high-level dialogue and synergized business ambitions between China and the United States.

Since December 2016, under Mr. Jiang’s leadership, the China-U.S. SkyClub has successfully sponsored several influential events in conjunction with the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, including Leaders Speak: Secretaries of State, Leaders Speak: Treasury Secretaries, Leaders Speak: Business Leaders, and China-U.S. SkyClub Dialogue: Infrastructure Development and Investment.

Mr. Jiang obtained a Bachelor of Law from the International Politics Department of Peking University. He also attended Churchill College, Cambridge in England and Cleveland Clinic in the U.S. for leadership and management training programs. Earlier in his career, Mr. Jiang served in the General Office of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference; he was then appointed as General Manager for the greater China region at several foreign-invested companies from Germany, USA, and Singapore.

In addition to his leading role in Vantone Holding Co., Ltd. and China Center New York, Mr. Jiang also serves as chairman of Beijing Vantone Real Estate Co., Ltd.; vice chairman of China General Chamber of Commerce-USA; and is a board member of the China Institute.

Mr. Jiang is dedicated to promoting cultural exchanges between China and the United States through the China-U.S. SkyClub, and is an advocate for advancing business relations between China and the United States. This September, he personally facilitated a group of U.S. Congressmen to visit the Forbidden City in Beijing, introducing the time-honored Chinese culture to America through the presentation of Chinese paintings A Panorama of Rivers and Mountains and Penta-Bull Map.

Stella Li is Senior Vice President of BYD Company Limited and President of BYD Motor, a global green technology company based in Los Angeles, California. She is responsible for overseeing the company’s day-to-day operations and long-term strategic planning.

Stella successfully launched BYD’s cutting edge green products - including battery-electric vehicles, battery-energy storage solutions, solar farms, and energy efficient LED lighting systems - into markets across North and South America and around the world. As the architect of BYD’s thriving expansions in the Americas, Stella launched the company’s North America headquarters in Los Angeles, California in 2011 and its electric bus, truck, and energy module factories in Lancaster, California in 2013.

In September 1996, Stella joined BYD as a Marketing Manager. She established the first overseas office in Hong Kong in 1997, the European headquarters of BYD in Amsterdam in 1999, and the North American headquarters of BYD in Chicago in 2000. In 2002, she helped establish the partnership between BYD and Motorola, providing the latter with mobile phone batteries and a wide range of component parts. In 2007, BYD Electronics (International) Company Limited was listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. From June 2007 to April 2015, Stella worked as Executive Director and CEO of the company.

Under Stella’s leadership, BYD achieved exponential market growth, developed invaluable partnerships, and became a dominant global force across multiple industries. She was appointed as Vice President of BYD Company Limited in 2002 and Senior Vice President in 2006. After BYD Electronics (International) Company Limited was listed in Hong Kong in 2007, she has been mainly responsible for BYD’s business development in the Americas.

Stella earned her BA in Statistics from Fudan University - one of the top five universities in China and among the most selective institutions of higher learning in the world.
Dear Friends,

Rosalynn and I congratulate the United States-China Policy Foundation on its 22nd anniversary. We send our warmest wishes to you and your guests.

The U.S.-China relationship is crucial to peace and prosperity. With growing tensions in the region, your work to advance mutual understanding and cooperation through people-to-people diplomacy, education, engagement, cultural exchanges, and business dialogue is more important than ever.

We wish you continued success in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Carter
The U.S.-China Policy Foundation congratulates President Xi Jinping on a successful 19th Party Congress and applauds Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping on their significant bilateral discussion.

Frequent high-level and people-to-people engagement is essential for a better U.S.-China relationship. With greater trust, understanding, and personal ties, the U.S. and China can move forward together to create a better future.

Panel: China’s 19th Party Congress
On October 26th, USCPF hosted a discussion on China’s 19th Party Congress. The panel addressed a wide audience including students, scholars, and media outlets. Dr. David M. Lampton, Amb. J. Stapleton Roy, Dr. Yukon Huang, and Dr. Robert Sutter participated.

Dialogue: Visiting Scholars
On September 11, USCPF facilitated an informal discussion between U.S. scholars and a visiting Chinese delegation from the China Economic and Social Council (CESC).

Policymakers Trips to China
This year, USCPF led two successful congressional staff delegations to China. The spring trip consisted primarily of staff from offices of newly elected Congress Members and traveled to Beijing, Chengdu, Guangzhou, and Shenzhen. The August trip traveled to Beijing, Changchun, and Shanghai. The focus of this trip was on transportation, infrastructure, and foreign policy and included conversations on important and timely topics such as China’s One Belt One Road Initiative and ongoing concerns related to North Korea.

Exhibit and Lecture: Pu Ru, The Hermit of West Mountain
On May 10, USCPF hosted a lecture and reception celebrating paintings and calligraphy by esteemed Chinese artist Pu Ru (1896-1963). He was a member of the Qing royal family at the time Imperial China was overthrown. Pu Ru adjusted to this change by retreating to a monastery and mastering Chinese traditional painting, calligraphy, and scholarship. He is considered one of the last true Chinese literati and artist scholars.

More information about these and other USCPF events can be found at www.uscpf.org.
USCPF Events 2016

Left: (L to R) Dr. Robert Sutter, Ms. Lally Weymouth, and Dr. David M. Lampton discuss Taiwan
Right: The Honorable Barbara Hackman Franklin, 29th Secretary of Commerce, at the USCPF Gala Dinner

Panel: Tsai Ing-Wen’s Presidency (First 100 Days)
On September 26, USCPF hosted a panel discussion on Taiwan president Tsai Ing-Wen’s first 100 days in office. Participants included Dr. David M. Lampton, Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy, Mr. Alan Romberg, Dr. Robert Sutter, and Ms. Lally Weymouth.

Dialogue: Military Delegation
On September 1, USCPF invited experts on American military science to exchange views with members of the visiting China Institute for International Strategic Studies (CISS) delegation. Track II dialogue is an important component of improving military-to-military relations.

Policymakers Trips to China
The spring delegation traveled to Beijing, Shanghai, and Wuhan. The trip focused on education, commerce, and development. The August delegation traveled to Beijing, Shenyang, Dandong, and Harbin. The trip focused on commerce and foreign policy, and also looked at China’s relationship with North Korea and Russia.

Panel: Obama’s China Policy and the Next President
On May 26, USCPF hosted a panel discussion titled “Obama’s China Policy and Prospects for the Next President.” Over 100 people turned up to the panel discussion to listen to the experts give their thoughts and perspectives on the current state of Chinese policy and what it might look like moving forward into the next presidency.

Luncheon: Chinese Defense Attaché
On February 11, USCPF hosted a luncheon to say farewell to the Defense Attaché for the Chinese Embassy, Major General Xu Nanfeng, and to welcome the new Defense Attaché, Major General Zhang Yijun.

21st Anniversary Gala
The U.S.-China Policy Foundation celebrated its 21st anniversary with a gala dinner on November 17. Dr. David M. Lampton, The Honorable Barbara Hackman Franklin, and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon were all presented with awards during the dinner. Chinese Ambassador Cui Tiankai provided keynote remarks.

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USCPF Events 2015

Left: (L to R) Mr. Alan Romberg, Dr. Yukon Huang, and Amb. Richard Solomon discuss President Xi’s U.S. Visit
Right: Congressman Rick Larsen, co-chair of the U.S.-China Working Group, speaks at USCPF’s gala dinner

Panel: Xi Jinping’s Visit to the U.S.
On October 8, USCPF hosted a panel discussion on Xi Jinping’s 2015 trip to the U.S. Panelists included Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy, Mr. Douglas Paal, Robert Sutter, Amb. Richard Solomon, Dr. Yukon Huang, and Mr. Alan Romberg.

Exhibit: Ageless Chinese Art
From September 10-October 23, George Mason University’s School of Art displayed Chinese calligraphy and paintings from Professor Chi Wang’s collection. The exhibit opening included a panel discussion on Chinese art.

Policymakers Trips to China
The spring delegation traveled to Beijing, Xi’an, and Shanghai. The trip highlighted China’s history, from ancient times through today, and placed special emphasis on commerce and development. The August delegation traveled to Beijing, Shenyang, and Dalian. It focused on commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII and included visits to several WWII related historical sites and museums.

20th Anniversary Gala
The U.S.-China Policy Foundation celebrated its momentous 20th anniversary with a black-tie gala dinner on November 18. During the dinner, awards were presented to The Honorable Elaine L. Chao and Admiral William J. Fallon. Congressman Rick Larsen also spoke.

USCPF Helps Welcome Xi Jinping
USCPF helped welcome President Xi to the U.S. by serving as an in-cooperation organization at his welcome banquet in Seattle, Washington on September 22. At the dinner, President Xi gave a policy speech.

Panel: Anti-Corruption Campaign
On March 10, USCPF hosted a panel of experts to discuss President Xi’s attempts to curb corruption in China. The panel included Dr. David M. Lampton, Mr. Christopher Johnson, Dr. Yukon Huang, Dr. Bruce Dickson, and Dr. Sasha Gong.

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Hong Kong has been a Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China since July 1, 1997.

Under the “One Country, Two Systems” arrangement, Hong Kong enjoys a high degree of autonomy in economic, trade, financial and monetary matters. Under its constitutional document, the Basic Law, Hong Kong retains the English common law system; an independent judiciary; the free and unfettered movement of information, goods, people and capital; and a range of cherished civil liberties such as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, and freedom of assembly.

Hong Kong enjoys separate membership status in international organizations such as the World Trade Organization, of which it was a founding member, and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation.

With a population of just over seven million, Hong Kong is the world’s seventh largest merchandise trading entity with goods and services trade equivalent to more than four times its GDP. According to a UN report, Hong Kong was the world’s fourth-largest recipient of foreign direct investment in 2016 with FDI inflows amounting to US$108 billion.

Hong Kong is firmly committed to free trade and open markets. The Heritage Foundation, the Cato Institute and the Fraser Institute of Canada have continuously ranked Hong Kong the world’s freest economy for over 20 years.

Hong Kong maintains strong trade and commercial ties with both the Mainland of China and the U.S., respectively its largest and second largest trading partners.

The U.S. is Hong Kong’s second largest trading partner after the Mainland of China. Hong Kong is the U.S.’s ninth largest export market. In 2016 Hong Kong bought more than $35 billion in American goods. Hong Kong was the U.S.’s fifth largest market for beef and its sixth largest market by value for agricultural products.

With nearly 1,400 firms, the U.S. maintains one of the largest overseas commercial presences in Hong Kong. Not surprisingly, the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong is the largest international chamber in the city. U.S. nationals represent one of the most significant foreign presences in the city with nearly 85,000 people calling Hong Kong home.

Aside from the strong commercial ties, Hong Kong and the U.S. are close partners in international law enforcement working together to combat terrorism, money laundering and other cross-border crimes.

The mission of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Washington, DC is to strengthen Hong Kong’s economic, business, and cultural ties with the U.S. As Hong Kong Commissioner to the United States, Clement C.M. Leung is the Hong Kong government’s most senior representative in the U.S. He also oversees the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices in New York and San Francisco.

For more information, please visit www.hketousa.gov.hk
Established in 1969, Wanxiang Group is the largest auto parts maker in China. Wanxiang is a family owned, global player in the automotive and technology industries with significant investment in the U.S. It employs over 18,000 people with more than half located in 26 U.S. states. Wanxiang has a long and successful track record of investing in, running, and expanding U.S.-based operations.

Wanxiang America Corporation, established in 1994, is a wholly owned U.S. subsidiary of Wanxiang Group headquartered in Elgin, Illinois. Wanxiang America has saved over a dozen U.S. manufacturing plants from insolvency, including advanced Li-ion battery technology company A123 systems, and the world's premium plugin hybrid electric vehicle maker, Fisker, now renamed Karma. Since 1994, Wanxiang America has not sent any dividends back to China, instead it has reinvested all of its profits into the growth of its U.S. operations. One out of two vehicles made in America used parts made by Wanxiang U.S. operations. Wanxiang America saves good manufacturing jobs in local communities.

The core philosophy of Wanxiang America is to bring jobs and the future to its employees, bring returns and rewards to its shareholders, bring value to its customers, and growth opportunities to the community. In recognition of Wanxiang’s contribution to the local economy, the State of Illinois proclaimed August 12, 2002 “Wanxiang Day.”

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USCPF released volume 13 of the *Washington Journal of Modern China* in Autumn 2017. This edition focuses on President Trump and China and includes the following articles:

“Donald Trump, the Taiwan Issue and Hardening U.S. Policy Toward China”
Robert Sutter, PhD

“U.S.-China Tensions: Interplay Between Economics and Politics”
Yukon Huang, PhD

“The Political Economy of U.S.-China Relations and the Trump Administration”
Ming Wan, PhD

“The CCP and Pursuing Its Goals: Proliferating Non-traditional Aspects of Power”
Cynthia Watson, PhD

“Decoding Modern Chinese Foreign Policy Through the Lenses of Ancient Philosophy and Applied Game Theory”
Alicia Fawcett

USCPF also publishes books by USCPF board members, including *Obama’s Challenge to China: The Pivot to Asia*, *The United States and China Since World War II* and *70 Years of Witness and Memory: My Experiences in U.S.-China Diplomacy* (七十载见证与回忆:我所经历的中美外交) (Chinese) by Chi Wang.
About the Foundation

Our Mission
The United States-China Policy Foundation (USCPF) is a 501(c)(3) nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational organization that promotes greater understanding between policymakers, government officials, and researchers in the United States and China. The Foundation does not advocate specific policies or endeavor to influence policy decisions, but instead provides information in order to increase awareness and deepen understanding of important issues in U.S.-China relations. The USCPF provides opportunities for foreign policy practitioners to interact in more diverse and substantial ways and seeks to inform the public through its publications and programs.

The U.S.-China Policy Foundation was founded in 1995 to enhance the policymaking dialogue between the United States and China. For the past 22 years, USCPF has been the only organization in our nation’s capital solely dedicated to increasing mutual understanding and cooperation between the U.S. and China. We have proven experience building bridges and improving relations, making real and tangible strides toward bettering this vital relationship.

Programs and Events

- Organizes seminar series and trips to China for congressional staff
- Facilitates exchanges between U.S. policymakers and senior Chinese leaders in an informal capacity
- Holds public panel discussions on current issues of importance in U.S.-China relations
- Facilitates exchanges between U.S. and Chinese business leaders
- Educates talented young college graduates on U.S.-China relations and helps them pursue their professional aspirations
- Produces China Forum, a televised discussion with experts on U.S.-China relations. Past episodes are available on YouTube.com/user/USCPF

Publications

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