Dear Friends

I would like to congratulate the U.S.-China Policy Foundation (USCPF) on its 23rd anniversary. Rosalynn joins me in sending our warm best wishes to you and all your guests on this special occasion.

I always have believed that the relationship between the U.S. and China is the most important bilateral relationship in the world. Although we have different cultures, histories, and governments, we must maintain mutual respect and work past our differences.

On December 15, 1978, the United States and the People’s Republic of China announced they would establish official diplomatic relations beginning on January 1, 1979. Nearly 40 years later, it is still one of the proudest accomplishments of my presidency and an achievement that would not have been possible without years of diplomacy and preparation by dedicated individuals. Despite disagreements and differences between our two sides, we continued to talk and negotiate and solidified our new relationship.

The work USCPF does to improve U.S.-China mutual understanding through people-to-people diplomacy, education, engagement, cultural exchanges, and dialogue plays a significant role in improving this vital bilateral relationship. Such efforts have become more important now during this period of increased tension between the two countries. I commend your efforts and hope we can all continue to work together to improve U.S.-China relations in the coming years.

Sincerely,
December 4, 2018

Ambassador Roy, Senator Sasser, Dr. Chi Wang, board members and friends of the US-China Policy Foundation and distinguished guests:

I regret that I am not able to join you tonight for this annual gala and send my greetings on this special occasion and warm wishes for the holiday season.

As we approach the milestone 40th anniversary of the establishment of official diplomatic relations between the United States and China in which I and some of the Foundation’s founders were involved, it is important to also recognize and celebrate the great work this Foundation has done since 1995 to continue the fostering and encouragement of mutually constructive relations and friendships between our two countries and their people. Never has this been more crucial for both of our futures than it is now.

The mission of this organization is ably served by most of the former United States Ambassadors to China, including Ambassador Roy and Ambassador Sasser, who are hosting you tonight. It is also fitting to mention on this solemn day that President George HW Bush served in Beijing as our US Liaison Officer during the early days when we were reestablishing diplomatic relations. Through the devotion and hard work of so many skilled diplomats we have come a long way in the last 40 years, and we cannot forget the importance of committing ourselves to the relationship for the next generations to come.

Enjoy the evening and thank you for your support of the US-China Policy Foundation.

Best regards,

Henry A. Kissinger
The United States-China Policy Foundation  
316 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 202  
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Friends:

From all of us at the United States Diplomatic Mission in China, congratulations to the U.S.-China Policy Foundation on its 23rd anniversary. I am honored to serve as the U.S. Ambassador to China, a position held by such illustrious and esteemed statesmen as gala co-chairs Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy and Ambassador James Sasser. I appreciate all of the hard work they put into this role, and I look forward to continuing this important mission. I also send my warmest wishes to all of the guests and members of your organization attending the Annual Gala on December 5.

This is a critical time for U.S.-China relations. We remain focused on achieving a relationship with China that is grounded in fairness, reciprocity, and respect. This year marks the 40th anniversary of China’s opening up and reform. We have come a long way, but significant challenges remain. I met with President Trump last week and I can assure you that he remains committed to a constructive relationship with China where our prosperity and security grow together, not apart.

Your foundation plays a crucial role in our bilateral relationship. We appreciate all of the work you do to strengthen it through engagement, education, and people-to-people diplomacy. I wish you all the best of luck as you celebrate your 23rd anniversary. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Terry Branstad  
Ambassador of the United States of America to China
October 22, 2018

Dr. Chi Wang
President and Co-Chair
U.S.-China Policy Foundation
316 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
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Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Dr. Wang:

Congratulations on USCPF’s 23 annual gala to be held on December 5, 2018.

I still remember with great fondness my last attendance at USCPF November 18 2015 gala in which the special Outstanding Achievement Award in Public Service was awarded to me. I also remember what a great pleasure it was to speak at the 75th anniversary of the Library of Congress Chinese Collection on October 31, 2003 and the memorable items you laid out for me when I toured the Collection with you earlier. Your lifetime of work, as evidenced in your book “A Compelling Journey from Peking to Washington: Building a New Life in America,” to improve U. S. - China relations is significant and needed especially during these times.

Unfortunately, I regret that I will not be able to attend this event due to a longstanding previous commitment. I know the Gala will be another great success!

With warm wishes,

Elaine L. Chao
United States Senate  
November 1, 2018

U.S. - China Policy Foundation  
316 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Suite 202  
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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to hear that the U.S.-China Policy Foundation (USCPF) will hold its 23rd Annual Gala Dinner in celebration of 40 years of diplomatic relations between the United States and China. It is my pleasure to extend my warm wishes on this occasion.

Since its founding in 1995, USCPF has worked to improve relations between the United States and China by promoting people-to-people diplomacy, education, cultural exchange, and business dialogue. I believe the United States must maintain a policy of engagement and build a cooperative U.S.-China relationship, based on mutual interests and candid, respectful dialogue.

You should be very proud of your mission to bring together individuals and U.S.-China relations experts for the purpose of meaningful cultural exchange and increased awareness about the challenges facing these two countries.

As a United States Senator from the State of California, I commend USCPF on all it has accomplished over the years. I wish you an excellent celebration, and continued success in the future.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator