



COMMITTEE OF 100 HIGHLIGHTS 1989 – Present

- 1989 Committee of 100 (C-100) co-founded by I.M. Pei, Yo-Yo Ma and 40 other distinguished Chinese Americans to foster better understanding between the people of the United States and Greater China, and more opportunities in all fields for Chinese Americans.
- 1990 The first members' conference held in New York to establish by-laws and articles of incorporation.
- 1991 Holds conference in San Francisco with both American and Chinese ambassadors presenting the state of U.S.-China relations.
- 1992 Organizes first-time effort with other Asian American organizations inviting the three presidential candidates to address questions on Asian American political appointments, civil rights, economic opportunities, education and diversity.
- 1993 Commissions Wirthlin Study surveying American attitudes towards China.
- 1994 A 30-member delegation led by I.M. Pei visits Beijing to meet President Jiang Zemin and CPPCC Chairman Li Ruihuan and presents findings of the Wirthlin survey, also meets with Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui.
- 1995 Organizes meeting with CBS President resulting in rare on-air apology over accusations that all Chinese in America could be spies.
- 1996 Defends investigation charges against Chinese Americans of political contribution improprieties by 12 major media and network news organizations and Congressional committees.
- 1997 Publishes "Hong Kong Transition" background paper with Asia Society to provide the American media a better understanding of China's colonial history. C-100 delegation led by Chancellor Chang-lin Tien attends reunification ceremonies in Hong Kong and Beijing and also visits Taipei.
- 1998 White House invites C-100 to present the white paper, updated from 1996, "Seeking Common Ground While Respecting Differences," to National Security Adviser Sandy Berger in preparation for President Clinton's state visit to China. Passages from the paper are included in President Clinton's messages given in China.
- 1999 Contacts President Clinton expressing concerns over the Wen Ho Lee case resulting in Energy Secretary Bill Richardson addressing C-100's annual conference in New York. Helps Bill Moyers secure funds for PBS series, *Becoming American: the Chinese Experience*, aired in March 2003. Co-sponsors Rand Conference on "China, the United States, and the Global Economy."
- 2000 Leads 16 Asian American organizations to form a coalition to raise national awareness of the denial of due process in the Wen Ho Lee case. Co-sponsors high-tech venture financing conference in Beijing, and eight participating members meet with Chinese Premier Zhu

Rongji and Vice Premier Li Lanqing. Establishes C-100 Cultural Institute to promote cross-cultural understanding through arts and education exchanges.

- 2001 Publishes the national opinion survey, *American Attitudes Towards Chinese Americans and Asian Americans*, documenting previously little known facts about American public opinion about China. 36 members led by General John Fugh and C.B. Sung visit Beijing and Shanghai to meet Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji, Chairman of National People's Congress Li Peng and Vice Premier Qian Qichen, respectively. In Hong Kong, Chief Executive C.H. Tung hosts luncheon to greet the members. The delegation also visits Taiwan and meets President Chen Shui-bian and Chairman of KMT Lien Chan.
- 2002 Begins partnership with Asia Society to increase knowledge of China and Asia in U.S.'s kindergarten to 12th grade education curriculum. Highlights Chinese-American philanthropy in several major publications to improve the image of Chinese Americans.
- 2003 Expands its reach across the U.S. by creating a regional organization structure and initiating Regional Leadership Forums to inspire young Chinese Americans to greater levels of success through the mentorship of C-100 members. Builds an infrastructure that will support a much broader agenda which includes the opening of a Hong Kong office. Launches a project to increase the number of Asian Americans on Fortune 500 boards. Co-sponsors a dinner for Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao in Washington, DC.
- 2004 Opens its Greater China office in Hong Kong, which oversees and coordinates outreach activities in the region. Issues a first-ever Asian Pacific American (APA) Corporate Board Report Card, as a part of C-100's efforts to increase the number and influence of APAs serving as directors on America's most prestigious corporate boards. C-100 organizes the second Regional Leadership Forum in Houston, Texas with renowned AIDS researcher Dr. David Ho and the third Regional Leadership Forum in Santa Clara. About 25 C-100 members are slated to serve as mentors for young professionals.
- 2005 A delegation of 17 members led by C.B. Sung makes a Greater China trip, meeting President Chen Shui-bian and Mayor of Taipei Ma Ying-jeou in Taipei, and National People's Congress Chairman Wu Bangguo and State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan in Beijing; holds its First Annual Greater China Conference, "Bridging the Pacific," in Hong Kong. C-100 Commissions a three-phase study *American Attitudes toward China* to assess the attitudes of the U.S. general public, opinion leaders, congressional staffers, business leaders, and Chinese Americans toward Greater China and U.S.-China relations. The study is conducted in collaboration with the world-renowned polling firm Zogby International. C-100 hosts a reception at Kennedy Center to celebrate one-month-long "Festival of China" at the Kennedy Center, about 150 guests from Administration and Capitol Hill attended the event. C-100 hosts its Fifth Regional Leadership Forum in Boston.
- 2006 C-100 hosts a dinner for Chinese President Hu Jintao in Washington, DC on April 20. Gives its first grant of "C-100 Leadership Scholarship" to the winners of 24 Chinese students. U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein keynotes "Taiwan and the Sino-American Relationship: Thoughtful Management, Consistent Attention" at C-100 Fifteenth Annual Conference in San Francisco. C-100 Cultural Institute becomes US-China Cultural Institute, a new and an independent entity.
- 2007 C-100 launches the Washington Engagement Initiative and retains Williams Mullen Strategies as its consultant. The purpose of the Initiatives is to enhance understanding and, improve

perceptions of, China in the U.S. C-100 hosts the Chinese New Year Reception and Congressional Briefing in the U.S. Capitol. C-100 organizes its 16th Annual Conference in New York City from April 19-21. Speakers include Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury; Henry R. Kravis, Founding Partner, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and John J. Mack, Chairman and CEO, Morgan Stanley delivered keynote. C-100 presents “Powering China: China’s Alternative Energy Sector” with Shi Zhengrong, Founder & CEO, Suntech Power Holdings Co. Ltd. Thomas L. Friedman, *New York Times* Columnist. C-100 organizes its Second Greater China Conference in Beijing and honors former Vice Premier Qian Qichen, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Zhang Yesui delivers the keynote. C-100 organizes a trip to Beijing and met Chinese leaders including Wu Bangguo, Chairman of NPC and Liu Yandong, Vice Chairman of CPPCC. C-100 organizes a trip to China for David Brooks, *New York Times* Columnist; Juan Williams, Senior Political Analyst, *National Public Radio*; and Charles Cook, Publisher, *Cook Political Report*. C-100 issues a mirror survey, *Hope and Fear: American and Chinese Attitudes Toward Each Other*.

- 2008 C-100 has a successful 17th Annual Conference in Los Angeles in April. Speakers include Christopher Hill, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of State; Steve Chen, Co-Founder & Chief Technology Officer, YouTube; Robert Eckert, Chairman and CEO, Mattel, Inc.; Quincy Jones, The Supreme Impresario; Michelle Kwan, Olympic Medal Figure Skater; Ang Lee, Film Director; and Jesse Wang, Deputy General Manager, China Investment Corporation. The Conference has extensive media coverage. C-100 set C-100 Earthquake Relief Fund through Give2Asia to channel donations to assist communities affected by Sichuan Earthquake, gifts to the C-100 Relief Fund totaled over \$600,000. Per invitation of both the Beijing Olympics Committee and the State Council, C-100 attends the Beijing Olympics opening. C-100 co-hosts a luncheon for Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao in New York. C-100 hosts a forum in Virginia to address the Presidential candidates’ approaches to China. C-100 organizes a delegation of eight Latino community leaders to China. The delegates meet representatives from government, business, and non-profits in Beijing, Xi'an and Shanghai.
- 2009 C-100 issues the opinion survey, *Still The “Other?”: Public Attitudes Toward Chinese and Asian Americans*, in April. The 18th Annual Conference in Washington D.C. takes place from April 30 – May 2. Speakers include Jeffrey Bader, Special Assistant to President Barack Obama and Senior Director for Asian Affairs at the NSC; Chris Lu, Cabinet Secretary of the White House; Tim Chen, CEO of NBA China; and Gala Honorees include Henry Kissinger, Chairman of Kissinger Associates, Inc.; Indra K. Nooyi, Chairman and CEO of PepsiCo; and Gary Locke, Secretary of Commerce delivers the keynote. John S. Chen becomes the new C-100 Chairman in May. Angie Tang becomes the new Executive Director in September. C-100 becomes the Strategic Partner for the U.S.A. National Pavilion at the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai. C-100’s Third Greater China Conference takes place in Beijing December 8-9, 2009, the honorees include Yao Ming of NBA and Li Zhaoxing, Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of NPC. C-100 organizes a leadership delegation trip to China for Jill Abramson, Managing Editor of *New York Times*, Clarence Page, Pulitzer-winning Columnist of *Chicago Tribune* and John Byrne, Executive Editor of *BusinessWeek*. C-100 facilitates The Marathon Club’s trip to Beijing by arranging meetings between the TMC and influential business leaders and opinion makers in China. C-100 sponsors *From Mao to the Met with Tian Haojiang*, the first PBS special featuring an Asian singer.
- 2010 C-100 hosts a meeting with President of Taiwan Ma Ying-jeou in January in San Francisco. C-100’s 19th Annual Conference takes place from April 7-10, 2010 in San Francisco. The honorees include Cheng Siwei, Former Vice Chairman, National People’s & Chairman, International Finance Forum; Lien Chan, Chairman, National Policy Foundation; Yuan Yuan

Tan, Principal Dancer, San Francisco Ballet; and three Nobel Laureates in Physics - Chen Ning Yang, The Honorable Steven Chu, and Daniel C. Tsui. On May 4, *The Chinese in America, We are Family* exhibition created by C-100 opens at the USA Pavilion at the Shanghai World Expo. On June 8, a C-100 delegation led by Chairman John Chen meets with Governor of Jiangsu province Luo Zhijun, and Nanjing Party Secretary Zhu Shanlu, in conjunction with the C-100 Leadership Scholarship. On June 23-24, a delegation of 15 C-100 members led by C-100 Chairman John Chen spends two days exchanging views with U.S. and Chinese government officials on U.S.-China relations. Private meetings are held with Jeff Bader, Senior Director for Asian Affairs at the National Security Council; Chris Lu, White House Cabinet Secretary; Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Daniel Inouye, and Chinese Ambassador to the U.S., His Excellency Zhang Yesui. Led by David Ho, a C-100 delegation composed of 20 members meets with President Ma Ying-jeou, Premier Wu Den-yih, Minister of Foreign Affairs Timothy C.T. Yang on October 18-19 in Taipei. C-100 brings to China four influential American journalists: Rana Foroohar, Deputy Editor of *Newsweek*; John Gapper, Associate Editor and Columnist of *The Financial Times*; David Ignatius, Associate Editor and Columnist of *The Washington Post*; and Tavis Smiley, Host of *Tavis Smiley* of PBS and *The Tavis Smiley Show* of PRI. Led by Chairman John Chen, a 38-member delegation visits Beijing, and meets with Chinese leaders including Vice Premier Li Keqiang, Minister of Commerce Chen Deming, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Cui Tiankai, and Director of Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council Wang Yi.

2011 In January, C-100 hosts a Congressional briefing on the U.S.-China relationship on Capitol Hill. More than 70 Congressional members and staff participate. C-100 Chairman John Chen speaks on a symposium, *America's Next Chapter*, a live broadcasting program on C-SPAN. John Chen and some members attend the State Dinner in honor of President Hu Jintao at the White House. C-100 serves as one of the hosting organizations for a luncheon in honor of President Hu. C-100 hosts its 20th Annual Conference in New York in May. Speakers include Gary Locke, Secretary of Commerce; Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of New York City; Chris Christie, Governor of New Jersey; and Vikram Pandit, Chief Executive Officer, Citigroup. At the Gala, C-100 presents awards to Henry M. Paulson Jr., 74th U.S. Treasury Secretary; Liu He, Vice Chairman, Office of the Central Leading Group on Financial and Economic Affairs and CPC Secretary and Vice President, Development Research Center of the State Council; James E. Rogers, Chairman, President, and CEO, Duke Energy; Laura M. Cha, Deputy Chairman, HSBC Investment Asia and Cai Guo-Qiang, contemporary artist. Dominic Ng, Chairman and CEO of East West Bancorp Inc., becomes C-100 Chairman in May. In December, C-100 hosts its 4th Greater China Conference in Hong Kong. Speakers include Gary Locke, United States Ambassador to China; Stephen Lam, Chief Secretary for Administration, HKSAR; Antony Leung, Chairman of Greater China, The Blackstone Group; and Tavis Smiley, Host of PBS' *Tavis Smiley*. C-100 brings to China three prominent American journalists who interact with a variety of Chinese people from government, academia, think tanks, business, high schools, local media, ordinary families and the arts.