



## 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. Premier Zhu briefs members with Chinese economic development, Chairman Li, Chinese legal reform and Vice Premier Qian, cross-strait issues. In Shanghai, the delegation meets respectively with Mayor Chen Liangyu, who talks about development in Shanghai and Chairman of ARATS Wang Daohan, who comments on cross-strait situation. 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Jiabo 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. Hosts a welcome non-profit entity with its own board and officers and funding.

- 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 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in New York City from April 19-21. 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 honored former Vice Premiere Qian Qichen, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Zhang Yesui delivered keynote. C-100 organizes a Beijing trip in Beijing and met Chinese leaders including Wu Bangguo, Chairman of NPC and Liu Yandong, Vice Chairman of CPPCC. C-100 organizes a China trip for David Brooks, *New York Times* Columnist; Juan Williams, Senior Political Analyst, National Public Radio; and Charles Cook, Publisher, Cook Political Report to China. C-100 issues a mirror Survey “*Hope and Fear: American and Chinese Attitudes Toward Each Other.*”
- 2008 C-100 has a successful 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Los Angeles in April. Speakers include Christopher Hill, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, 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; Jay Rasulo, Chairman, Walt Disney Parks & Resorts; and Jesse Wang, Deputy General Manager, China Investment Corporation. The media coverage for the conference included the *LA Times*, *Reuters*, *Forbes*, *USA Today* and *People’s Daily*. C-100 issues a statement about Olympics entitled *Engagement, Not Confrontation*.