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Organization of Leading Chinese Americans to Gather in San Francisco to Discuss U.S. – China Relations During the First U.S. Visit by Chinese President Hu

(San Francisco-April 20, 2006)--As Chinese President Hu Jintao makes his first official visit to the United States, the Committee of 100, an organization of leading Chinese Americans, will be addressing the important U.S. – China relationship at its 15th Annual Conference: “America and China: A View From The Bridge.” This year’s conference will be in San Francisco, April 20-22, 2006, where the Bay Area and Chinese Americans represent a vital connection between the two nations.

Prominent leaders in business, government, education and entertainment will participate in panel discussions led by Frank Wu, Dean, Wayne State University Law School; Jack Ma, Founder & CEO, Alibaba.com Corp.; Charlene Barshefsky, Former U.S. Trade Representative; and Yang Yuanqing, Chairman, Lenovo. This year’s keynote speakers are: Senator Dianne Feinstein; Terry Semel, Chairman & CEO, Yahoo! Inc.; and Morris Chang, Founder & Chairman, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co.

Day one focuses on trade and government policies. Day two focuses on opportunities and challenges of doing business between the U.S. and Greater China. The final day features the C-100 mentoring program, highlighting Chinese and Asian American culture and identity. At the Annual Gala Dinner, Deloitte & Touche, LLP will be awarded for their excellence in business. Thomas Friedman, columnist at *The New York Times*, author of the bestseller *The World Is Flat*, will receive the Headline Award. Asia Society Trustee Gina Chu and Union Square Investment Company President Leslie Tang Schilling will be honored with the Philanthropy/Community Service Awards. Former NASA astronaut, Leroy Chiao, will also be recognized with the Public Service Award.

Major sponsors for the C-100 15th Annual Conference and Gala Dinner are Yahoo! Co-Founder Jerry Yang & Akiko Yamazaki; Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC; Deloitte & Touche USA LLP; Prudential Financial; United Commercial Bank and Wells Fargo Bank.

“We’re confident that this year’s conference will enrich the public discourse, especially surrounding the visit to the United States by President Hu,” commented Robert Lee, Chairman of the Committee of 100. “Our line-up of panels and speakers is more substantive than ever, and we look forward to the opportunity to serve as a Chinese American voice on U.S.-China relations, especially at this time.”

The conference agenda and more information about the Committee of 100 can be found at the organization’s Website www.committee100.org.

Founded in 1989 by prominent Chinese Americans, the Committee of 100 is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit membership organization composed of Chinese American leaders in a broad range of professions. With their knowledge and experience, they are committed to a dual mission: (1) encouraging stronger relations between the U.S. and Greater China and (2) encouraging the full participation of Chinese Americans in all aspects of American life.

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