



Committee of 100

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Committee of 100 Welcomes Two New Members: Lauren Ong and Dr. Morris Chang

(New York—December 27, 2005)--Two prominent Chinese Americans: President of the National Geographic Channel Lauren Ong and Founding Chairman of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd. (TSMC) Dr. Morris Chang have joined the Committee of 100, an organization of Chinese American leaders.

Lauren Ong: One of the most versatile, resourceful and creative women in television, Lauren Ong was hired as the National Geographic Channel's (NGC) President and first employee on April 17, 2000. In the space of a mere eight months, she hired a staff of 120, built a state of the art digital studio, and launched the formidable new network on Jan. 1, 2001. In almost five years, the Channel has grown at a record setting pace from 10 million to 56 million subscribers. In recognition of her career and success with NGC, in November 2005, Ong was recognized as the "Woman of the Year" by WICT, Women in Cable and Telecommunications. Prior to becoming President of NGC, Ong served for two years as Vice President and General Manager of WTTG in Washington, D.C., one of Fox's largest and most successful television stations. Ong was the first, and possibly only, Asian-American woman to lead a top ten market affiliate. In a career filled with firsts, she also helped launch SportsVision in Chicago in 1982 – one of the first regional sports networks in the country – serving as both the only woman and only Asian-American in sports franchise management. For seven years, she spearheaded programming and marketing efforts for the network, adding the role of Executive Producer and VP Broadcasting for the 2005 World Series Champions Chicago White Sox baseball team (in which she continues to hold an ownership stake).

Dr. Morris Chang: Under Dr. Chang's leadership, TSMC pioneered the "dedicated silicon foundry" industry, and is the largest silicon foundry in the world. Prior to founding TSMC in 1987, Dr. Chang was at Texas Instruments for 25 years (1958-1983), where he was Group Vice President for the company's worldwide semiconductor business. Selected by Time Magazine and CNN in 2001 as one of the top 26 most influential CEOs, Dr. Chang was also the recipient of the IEEE Robert N. Noyce Award for exceptional contributions to the microelectronics industry in 2000. He is a member of the MIT Corporation and the National Academy of Engineering, and is on the advisory boards of the New York Stock Exchange, Stanford University, and the University of California at Berkeley.

"The Committee of 100 is delighted to welcome these two prominent Chinese Americans," said Robert Lee, Chairman of the Committee of 100. "I am confident that their varied expertise and experience will add great value to our group. We will appreciate their future effort as we pursue our dual mission of strengthening ties with Greater China and encouraging the full involvement of Chinese Americans in all aspects of American life."

The Committee of 100's 15th Annual Conference, entitled *US – China: A View From the Bridge*, will be co-chaired by Jenny Ming, Anthony Sun, Jerry Yang and Albert Yu. It will be held on April 20-22, 2006 in San Francisco, CA, at the Four Seasons Hotel. Morris Chang will be a keynote speaker on Friday, April 21. Details are available at: www.committee100.org.

Founded in 1989, the Committee of 100 is an independent, non-profit membership organization composed of Chinese American leaders in a broad range of professions. Its dual mission is (1) to encourage stronger relationship between the people of the U.S. and Greater China and (2) to encourage the full participation of Chinese Americans in all facets of American life. For more information, please visit: www.committee100.org.

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