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### **Committee of 100 Welcomes Eight New Members**

(New York—October 4, 2006) – Eight prominent Chinese Americans joined the Committee of 100, an organization of Chinese American leaders. They are: Wing T. Chao, Vice Chairman, Asian Development, Walt Disney Parks and Resorts; Leroy Chiao, an astronaut and entrepreneur; Wei Christianson, CEO and Managing Director, Morgan Stanley China; Kai-Fu Lee, Vice President at Google; Cheng Li, William R. Kenan Professor of Government, Hamilton College; Washington SyCip, Founder of SGV Group; Benjamin H. Wu, Maryland's Assistant Secretary for Business and Economic Development and Senior Advisor for Technology Policy; and Nancy Yuan, Vice President and Director, The Asia Foundation, Washington office.

**Wing T. Chao** is Vice Chairman of Asia Pacific development for Walt Disney Parks and Resorts and Executive Vice President of Walt Disney Imagineering. Wing oversees Master Planning, design and development for Disney's land holdings worldwide. His internationally-recognized portfolio includes Disney signature resorts, award-winning hotels, commercial and office buildings, mixed-use entertainment centers, dining and retail venues, and cruise ships. For more than 30 years, he has played a pivotal part in developing projects that have contributed to fun-filled entertaining experiences for millions of guests in California, Florida, Tokyo, Paris, and recently Hong Kong.

**Leroy Chiao** is the Raborn Distinguished Chair Professor at Louisiana State University's Mechanical Engineering Department and is also involved in entrepreneurial business ventures. He is an astronaut and served as Commander of the 10<sup>th</sup> mission to the International Space Station. During his fifteen-year career at NASA, Dr. Chiao logged over 229 days in space - over 36 hours of which were spent in spacewalks.

**Wei Christianson** is CEO and Managing Director of Morgan Stanley China. Prior to this position, she served as Chairman of China for Citigroup Global Markets (Asia) Ltd. Previously she was Chairman of China and Country Manager for Credit Suisse First Boston (CSFB). Ms. Christianson has been involved in, and led the executions of, several landmark privatization transactions involving restructurings and initial public offerings of PRC State-owned enterprises.

**Kai-Fu Lee** is Vice President of Engineering at Google, Inc. and President of Google China. Prior to joining Google, Lee was a Corporate Vice President responsible for advanced natural language and user interface technologies at Microsoft. He was the founder of Microsoft Research Asia, which has since become one of the best research centers in the world.

**Cheng Li** is the William R. Kenan Professor of Government at Hamilton College and Visiting Fellow at The Brookings Institution. Dr. Li is a director of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations and a member of The Academic Advisory Group of the Congressional U.S.-China Working Group. He is the author of *Rediscovering China: Dynamics and Dilemmas of Reform*, *China's Leaders: The New Generation*, and the editor of the book, *Bridging Minds Across the Pacific: The Sino-U.S. Educational Exchange 1978-2003*.

**Washington SyCip** is Founder of The SGV Group, an auditing and management consulting company with operations throughout East Asia. He is also Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Board of Governors of the Asian Institute of Management in the Philippines. Concurrently, he was Chairman of France-based Euro-Asia Center, INSEAD from 1981 to 1988. He is an Honorary Life Trustee at The Asia Society.

**Benjamin H. Wu** is Maryland's Assistant Secretary for Business and Economic Development and Senior Advisor for Technology Policy, making him the highest-ranking Asian American in Maryland Governor Ehrlich's administration. Prior to this position, he served in the Bush Administration as the highest-ranking Asian American at the U.S. Department of Commerce, where he was a Senate-confirmed Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy and the Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology. He also served 13 years as a senior staff in the U.S. Congress staff focusing on technology and competitiveness issues.

**Nancy Yuan** is Vice President and Director of The Asia Foundation's Washington, D.C. office. Her responsibilities include representation to the administration, Congress and policy community, senior management, and program liaison with 18 offices in Asia, the San Francisco headquarters, and programming in Asian affairs in Washington. Prior to joining the Asia Foundation, she served as assistant director of academic exchanges at the Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE).

“The Committee of 100 is proud to welcome these eight prominent Chinese Americans,” commented Gen. John Fugh, Chairman of the Committee of 100. “The breadth and depth of their experience will add greatly to our efforts as we pursue our dual mission of building a constructive relations between the U.S. and China and encouraging the full involvement of Chinese Americans in all aspects of American life.”

The Committee of 100 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, entitled “Bridge to Change” will take place in New York City, April 19-21, 2007 at The Waldorf=Astoria. It's open to the public. For information, please visit [www.committee100.org](http://www.committee100.org)

Founded in 1989 by renowned architect I.M. Pei along with other prominent Chinese Americans, 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 to (1) encourage stronger relationship between the people of the U.S. and Greater China and (2) encouraging the full participation of Chinese Americans in all aspects of American life. [www.committee100.org](http://www.committee100.org).

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