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COMMITTEE OF 100 GREATER CHINA CONFERENCE  
CHINA WORLD HOTEL, BEIJING, NOVEMBER 26-27

Committee of 100 members from the U.S. and Greater China will converge on Beijing this fall to convene the second of C-100's 2007 conferences with the theme, "Bridge to Change." As Beijing prepares for the 2008 Olympics, the city epitomizes change and is a fitting site to examine crucial issues confronting leaders in both the U.S. and China. The conference will explore how our two countries can collaborate to maintain global economic stability and security.

World-renowned political and business figures will be keynote speakers, but among the biggest attractions for the bi-national audience will be the stellar line-up of Committee members making presentations. Presiding over the conference are four co-chairs well-known in China: **Mei-Wei Cheng**, Chairman and

CEO of Ford Motor (China); **Wei Christianson**, Managing Director and CEO of Morgan Stanley China; **Handel Lee**, Partner, King & Wood, Founder of Shanghai's Three on the Bund, and Chairman of The Legation Quarter in Beijing; and **Kai-Fu Lee**, President of Google China. C-100 Chairman **John L. Fugh** will make welcoming remarks. A few of the speakers from "Bridge to Change I" in New York will also participate in the Beijing event, including C-100 Headline Award-winner Joseph Kahn, who heads the China bureau of the New York Times.

The one-day conference on November 27 will be organized around four general topics:

- Finance and investment
- Corporate social responsibility

- Energy and the environment
- New media and innovation

A Gala Dinner opens the conference on November 26. A private event for members and friends will be hosted by **Ronnie Chan** and the China Heritage Fund at the Fund's completed restoration project, the Jian Fu Palace Garden in the Forbidden City. Lead sponsor for the conference is member **H. Roger Wang**, who pledged 1,000,000 RMB to jump-start the fundraising.

In keeping with the Committee's commitment to nurturing talent in the younger generation, Kai-Fu Lee will be hosting a mentoring program and a tour at Google China headquarters.

## C100 MIRROR SURVEY TO PROBE MUTUAL PERCEPTIONS OF AMERICANS AND CHINESE

Late this year, the Committee will be unveiling the results of yet another of its landmark public opinion surveys concerning U.S.-China relations. This time, both Americans and Chinese will be polled about their attitudes toward each other. This survey follows "American Attitudes Toward China: Views on Issues Concerning Greater China and U.S.-China Relations," which was released in spring 2005.

The objective of the 2007 study is to determine American attitudes toward China, and, as a "mirror," to do parallel polling on

Chinese attitudes toward America. Both polls will mirror each other by surveying the same issues at the same time. This study is designed to allow comparisons not only among key groups in both countries, but also with the results of C-100's previous survey. The target groups include the general public, opinion leaders, and business leaders, as well as a stand-alone sample of



Cheng Li and Frank Wu, C-100 Survey Co-Chairs.



Congressional staffers in the U.S. Such areas as China's rise, immigration, trade, and the environment, as well as overall impressions, will be explored. The analysis of the results will include the implications for U.S.-China relations. Survey

findings will be disseminated for global press coverage and can help guide governmental action for both countries.

## JOHN L. FUGH CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE OF 100



In recent years, both sides of the Taiwan Strait have made some progress in economic and trade negotiations. Such developments include the agreement implementing the Lunar New Year charter flights in 2005 and 2006. These achievements are due mainly to the fact that both sides can pragmatically resolve problems without imposing any political framework on economic and trade issues.

The 17th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party is scheduled to convene this October. While the current leaders, including President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao, will likely remain in power for another five-year term, a major reshuffling in the Politburo and the Central Committee is anticipated. Because of the current Chinese obsession with age in elite recruitment, we can expect that at least fifty percent of the members of the 17th Party Congress will be "first-termers" born in the 1950s. These young leaders differ from previous generations in terms of their formative experiences, educational credentials, administrative backgrounds, foreign contacts and worldviews.

On January 12, 2008, Taiwan will hold legislative elections, followed by the presidential election on March 22. Regardless of who succeeds President Chen Shui-bian, there will be a window of opportunity to seek common ground in cross-strait relations. Taiwan and China share geographic proximity, economic benefits, and cultural origins, and cannot afford to remain in a continued state of hostility and mutual isolation. After 2008, the new Taiwan president, who is likely to be more pragmatic, can build consensus with the people of Taiwan by proposing a framework of interaction across the Strait. For example, the term "China" that appears in the constitutions of both sides might be the basis for a dialogue on the concept of "Greater China."

The bad news is President Chen wants to press ahead with a controversial referendum on whether the self-ruled island should apply for United Nations membership under the name of "Taiwan." This referendum will be held at the same time as the election to choose Chen's successor on March 22. This will have the effect of focusing voters' attention on the independence issue, which is likely to boost the chances for Chen's Democratic Progressive Party at the polls. Against this background, the State Department has issued a strong statement laying out U.S. objections to the referendum.

The U.S. opposes any initiative that appears designed to change Taiwan's status unilaterally. This would include a referendum on whether to apply to the U.N. under the name Taiwan.

So far, President Chen has dismissed U.S. objections as appeasement of China. Now it's up to the people of Taiwan. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

## COMMITTEE OF 100 17TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 17-19, 2008 | The Beverly Hilton, Los Angeles

The Committee travels to Southern California next spring for a 2008 C-100 Annual Conference to rival New York City's in 2007. The conference will reflect the diverse perspectives of the five Co-Chairs:

**Alice Huang**, a renowned biologist known for her work on the spread of infectious diseases like SARS and Senior Faculty Associate at the California Institute of Technology;

**Stewart Kwoh**, one of the rare winners of the MacArthur Foundation "genius" awards and President and Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center;

**Elwood Lui**, Partner, Jones Day, and a former judge who most recently was Associate Justice of the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division III;

**H. Roger Wang**, Chairman and CEO of Golden Eagle International Group in Nanjing, China, specializing in real estate development and retail stores; and

**Janet Yang**, a film producer (*The Joy Luck Club*, *Dark Matter*, *The Weight of Water*, among others), who has recently joined American Sterling Productions as President and COO.

For more information, see [www.committee100.org](http://www.committee100.org). The public is invited.

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- To encourage constructive relations between the peoples of the United States and Greater China
- To promote the full participation of Chinese Americans in all fields of American life

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## NEWS OF C100'S WASHINGTON ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE

BUILDING A CONSTRUCTIVE U.S.-CHINA RELATIONSHIP THAT SERVES VITAL AMERICAN NATIONAL INTERESTS.

# DISTINGUISHED ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTED

A truly remarkable group of former diplomats, China specialists, military and political leaders, and business executives has agreed to advise the Committee of 100 on its mission to further the U.S.-China relationship. Each member of the newly formed Advisory Council comes with invaluable expertise and a perspective that together complement the distinctively Chinese American voice of the Committee of 100.

As of August 2007, the membership of the Advisory Council includes:

- **David M. Lampton**, one of the nation's foremost China specialists, was President of National Committee on U.S.-China Relations for many years and is now Director of Chinese Studies at the Nixon Center and Professor of China Studies at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.
- **James Leach** was a U.S. Representative (Iowa) for thirty years, chairing the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs and the Congressional-Executive Commission on China. He is presently a visiting professor at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University.
- **Norman Mineta**, a long time member of Congress (D-California), most recently served as Secretary of Transportation in the current Bush Administration and Secretary of Commerce for President Clinton (becoming the first Asian American cabinet member in the U.S.).
- **Stacey J. Mobley** is Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, and General Counsel for DuPont Company. One of the nation's 100 most influential lawyers according to the National Law Journal in 2006, Mobley has also won awards for his leadership in civil liberties and diversity in the workplace.
- **William Perry** was U.S. Defense Secretary under President Clinton and is an authority



Robert Gee, Benjamin Wu, Advisory Council member Norman Mineta, Richard King, Carol Edgar, and Advisory Council member David M. Lampton at August 6 dinner in Washington, D.C.

on arms control, relations with China, North Korea, and military issues. He is Co-Director of the Preventive Defense Project, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, and a Stanford University professor with a joint appointment in Engineering and International Studies.

- **J. Stapleton Roy**, who grew up in China, was a career Foreign Service Officer and the American Ambassador to China from 1991 to 1995, as well as Ambassador to Singapore and Indonesia. Today, Roy is Managing Director of Kissinger Associates and is a frequent commentator on U.S.-China policy.
- **General Eric Shinseki**, the U.S. Army Chief of Staff, retired in August 2003 after Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld dismissed Shinseki's prescient assessment that several hundred thousand troops would be needed to win the Iraq war. His 38-year military service included command of NATO forces in Europe and effecting a major transformation of the Army in his last post.
- **John Thornton** chairs the Board of Trustees of The Brookings Institution, where he launched the John L. Thornton China Center

in 2006 to study the emergence of China as a global power. He is also a professor and director of the Global Leadership Program at Tsinghua University, Beijing. Thornton retired as President of Goldman Sachs in 2003.

On August 6, members of the Committee had a chance to meet four Advisory Council members—Lampton, Mineta, Mobley, and Roy—at a dinner in Washington, D.C. Earlier that day, the C-100 Washington Engagement Initiative Working Group held a planning session to discuss the goals, issue areas, and program options for the Initiative. Participating were **Ronnie Chan, Anla Cheng, Robert Gee, Richard King** and his wife **Carol Edgar, Clarence Kwan, Stewart Kwoh, Cheng Li, Weiming Lu, Jenny Ming, Benjamin Wu, Dennis Wu, Frank Wu, and Nancy Yuan**. Chairman **John L. Fugh**, Executive Director **Alice Mong**, Research Director **Yong Lu**, and C-100 D.C. Consultant **Tovah LaDier** also attended the session. **Jeff Hamond** (Economic Policy Director for Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY)) and **Nien Su** (Republican Staff Director for the House Committee on Foreign Affairs) took part in the luncheon discussion.

—Thanks to Yong Lu for contributing to this article.

# COMMITTEE'S NEW MEDIA STRATEGY LED BY JENNY MING



A strategic marketing pro is now in charge of the Committee's media plan—**Jenny Ming**, who retired as President of Old Navy a year ago. Aside from her membership on the board of the 8.7 million member non-profit health care plan, Kaiser Permanente, and her frequent speaking engagements at universities, Ming is developing a proactive media strategy for the Committee.

Ming, along with **Robert Gee**, **Stewart Kwoh**, **Frank Wu**, and veteran television executive **Laureen Ong** as her expert media advisor, has begun to flesh out a very different approach to media than in the past. Committee members will play a key role in engaging the media, both by becoming sources for the press on stories about their areas of expertise, and by reaching out to regional media in the cities in the U.S. and Asia where they live and work. This will mean more regional media receptions where mem-



Media Vice Chair Jenny Ming and C-100 Chairman John L. Fugh at Washington Engagement Initiative Working Group meeting.

bers will be introduced to journalists, and linking media up with C-100 members, with their wide array of expertise, on issues where they can be key news sources.

Ming's first project for C-100 was a video (now on YouTube) and booklet that pithily encapsulates the Committee's purpose, strategy and focus, and illustrates them with arrest-

ing images. Former C-100 Chairman **Bob Lee** narrates the English-language version, and film star **Joan Chen** is the voice of the Committee on the Chinese version, which will be seen at the Beijing conference.

Now being planned is the media roll-out for the Committee's U.S.-China mirror survey, led by Wu and **Cheng Li**. In early December, a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. will be followed by press conferences in major international cities where members live, including San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, and other American cities as well as Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Taipei. It is hoped that international, national and regional newspapers will pick up the story, given the attention to China before the Olympics.

Ming will be calling on all members to participate in media outreach at the international, national and local levels.

## PRESS CLIP C100

### "ASIAN DIRECTIONS, FEW ASIAN DIRECTORS"

#### COMPANIES GO GLOBAL, BUT ONLY 1.5% OF BOARD SEATS GO TO MINORITY

By Cheryl Hall  
*The Dallas Morning News*  
May 16, 2007



Wilson Chu

those companies, or 1.5 percent of the combined 5,563 board spots.

... what makes these statistics startling is that so many of these companies have major operations in Asia or have pinpointed this part of the

planet as their Promised Land for selling products and services.

"Look at GM," Mr. Chu says. "What's the only bright spot in their report? Growth in business with China. How many Asian Americans do you have at the top? Zip."

"If you want to gain strategic insight into 40 percent of the world's population, then devote one seat to someone who can help with that perspective."

Mr. Chu, who came from Beijing to Dallas at age 4 with his widowed mother and five siblings, is the group's [former] general counsel

and the guy in charge when it comes to C-100's efforts to give Asian Americans more clout in corporate America.

To do that, Mr. Chu says, you start at the boardroom. "My model is the airline model: Get butts in seats."

The full report is released today in conjunction with Asian American Heritage Month and is available online at [www.committee100.org](http://www.committee100.org).

As chairman of the task force, Mr. Chu decided against action items. "I don't need to tell Fortune 500 companies what to do. I just need to give them the reasons to do it. I call the companies that have "The Enlightened."

Mr. Chu would like to do his part. He sits on a number of nonprofit boards but hasn't found a good fit with any of the corporate directorships he's been offered.

"As an attorney, I'm limited to the boards I can join, and I want to be highly selective of the ones I can," he says. "But, I can tell you, if American Airlines calls, I'm there."

When it comes to grand plans for business in Asia, Dallas attorney **Wilson Chu** says, America's largest corporations are taking the slow boat to China.

Mr. Chu, a well-known merger and acquisition partner at Haynes and Boone LLP, chaired a major national initiative to find out how many Fortune 500 board members are of Asian descent.

You guessed it. Not many.

The 48-year-old oversaw the third annual corporate board report card compiled by the Committee of 100, an organization of Chinese American business, academic and arts leaders founded by renowned architect **I.M. Pei** in 1990.

In 2006, only 74 of the 500 largest public companies in the U.S. had directors of Asian descent. Sixty-nine Asians hold 81 seats at



## C100 EDUCATION INITIATIVE

### Silk Roads to Silicon Highways: China Study and Travel for San Mateo County Teachers

This summer, the Committee of 100's Education Initiative, led by Co-Chair **Leslie Schilling**, spearheaded a pilot project to encourage the teaching of Chinese language and culture in California public schools. Eighteen middle and high school teachers from San Mateo County attended a one-week Summer Institute, followed by two weeks in China. A joint collaboration of UC Berkeley's Institute of East Asian Studies and the San Mateo County Office of Education, with the co-sponsorship of the Committee of 100, the program was directed by C-100 Education Consultant Karen Leong Clancy and San Mateo County Office of Education Associate Superintendent Cheryl Hightower.

Participating teachers represented core subject areas in social sciences and language arts, with one unusual teacher who taught both animation and mathematics. The Summer Institute drew upon the resources of UC Berkeley, the San Francisco Asian Art Museum, and other regional institutions. The coursework prepared the teachers for the upcoming travel experience and included online, real-time language classes arranged with the Beijing-based company, eChineseLearning, and an historical view of China given by experts at the Asian Art Museum.

Teachers developed strategies for incorporating global perspectives in standards-based lesson plans and worked in small, content-area groups to discuss how to align the new material with the standards. Presenters covered topics that spanned Chinese antiquity to modern times. The Institute of East Asian



Yangtze River guide (in headdress) with San Mateo County Summer Institute teachers Steve Pomeroy, Gary Means and Michal Lim with Karen Leong Clancy (center).



At the Ghost City in Fengdu near the Three Gorges Dam, a guide tells stories to teachers Ana Fernandez Ros, Larra Gonzales, Krista Kenneman and Liz Molnar.

Studies assisted with identifying and recruiting faculty from UC Berkeley, Stanford, the University of Pacific and California State University East Bay, who made presentations and provided content with which teachers could develop lesson plans.

Teachers then spent two weeks in China as guests of Huazhong Normal University in Wuhan, including travel on the Yangtze River to see the Three Gorges Dam Project and a visit to Beijing. While at the University, teachers participated in lectures and discussions with faculty on topics ranging from calligraphy to economics and the education system.

During the school year, participants will submit lesson plans to the library of the San Mateo County Office of Education for use by teachers throughout the area. Demonstration lessons will be given and evaluated along with examples of student work, in order to assess the effectiveness of the program.

The response from the teachers has been overwhelmingly positive. Several commented on the experience as being inspiring both in terms of their teaching and their own desire for knowledge.

One teacher said, "Visiting China the way we did was an important experience for me and helped me add another piece regarding the 'complexity of China.' I will always be very grateful."

With the success of this pilot project, plans are underway to continue the program and train the next group of teachers. Other California counties have expressed interest in giving similar opportunities to their teachers.

—Karen Leong Clancy

### Los Angeles Begins Expansion of Mandarin Teaching in Schools

Los Angeles C-100 members have initiated a committee that has presented a major proposal to the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to expand its Mandarin program to over 30 schools in the next three years. Active in the Committee of 100 Education Initiative in Southern California are **Lily Lee Chen**, **Stewart Kwoh**, **Herman Li**, and **Charlie Sie**.

Four guest teachers from China were welcomed by the Committee of 100, the Asia Society, and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center at a reception on August 17. LAUSD, through a partnership with the College Board and the Office of the Chinese Language Council International, has arranged for the teachers to offer Mandarin classes in elementary, middle and senior high schools for up to two years. Over 75 people attended the reception.

—Stewart Kwoh



## C100 IN ACTION

### KEEPING UP WITH WWW.COMMITTEE100.ORG

In between newsletters, you can follow Committee activities and news about our members, as well as view videos of our conferences and other events, by browsing the Committee's website. IT Manager Frank Liu keeps the site updated, and every week you'll find new materials of interest. What's more, you'll find news about China and Chinese Americans, such as a recent Zogby poll showing 82% of Americans are now concerned about buying products from China. Online, you'll have access to past newsletters, the full findings of C-100 surveys, official Committee statements and position papers, issue briefs from the Washington Engagement Initiative, and podcasts with highlights from the Annual Conference. A large section is devoted to recent activities of C-100 members and includes a roster of members with links to their websites. There are links to the Committee's new mentoring website (see article in this issue), a photo gallery, and C-100 conference websites. In addition, donations can be made online, and C-100 jobs are posted.

### TIANJIN DELEGATION HOSTED BY COMMITTEE



Tianjin Vice Mayor Cui Jindu (standing).

Anla Cheng presided over a C-100 dinner on April 27 for a senior delegation from Tianjin led by Vice Mayor Cui Jindu. The delegation, which had traveled to New York City to seek private equity partners, included municipal officials involved in banking and finance. Cheng, CEO and Managing Director of Centenium Capital, has been engaged in business with the Bank of China for the past few years. Other C-100 members present were **David Chang**, **David Chu**, **Xiaobo Lu**, and **Henry Lee** (the famous forensic scientist enlivened the occasion by giving out copies

of his autographed books). Executive Director Alice Mong gave a short speech about the Committee.

### C100 WEIGHS IN ON NEW YORK CITY DEEJAYS' "DOG HOUSE" PRANK CALL

The Committee of 100 was part of a large coalition of Asian American and civil rights groups led by the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) that successfully applied pressure on CBS Radio, New York area station 92.3Free FM, and their advertisers after "The Dog House with JV and Elvis" demeaned and mocked Asian Americans in a prank phone call to a Chinese restaurant this spring.



Michael Lin.

Following closely upon the Don Imus controversy, this incident created an intense reaction among Asian Americans, particularly in the New York City area. Local OCA chapters took the lead in responding to the offensive segment, which they said used negative stereotypes of Asians to increase ratings. C-100 members also responded, both through organizations and as individuals.

The response to the protest, which included an online petition, letter-writing campaign, pressure on advertisers, and a meeting with CBS Radio, was "better than anticipated," said OCA Executive Director **Michael Lin**. "The Dog House" was cancelled, and its producer and two deejays were fired and cannot be rehired by any CBS Radio affiliate. "It is only through the dedication and hard work of concerned people and organizations that we can continue to advocate for a culture of tolerance and respect," said Lin.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS LEAD CHINA TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Three C-100 members were local speakers for "China Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections," a 30-city event on May 31 sponsored by the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations and local international affairs organizations. Each China Town Hall began with a live webcast featuring Thomas

Christiansen, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State with responsibility for China, Taiwan and Mongolia, who took emailed questions from local participants. The dialogue continued in each location with China specialists speaking about topics of interest to local participants. C-100 speakers were: Brookings Institution Visiting Foreign Policy Fellow **Cheng Li**, at the World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana (Louisville); Columbia University Weatherhead East Asian Institute Director **Xiaobo Lu** at the World Affairs Council Columbia (South Carolina); and C-100 Governor **Henry Tang**, at Congressman Joseph Crowley's District Office, Queens, New York.

### TECRO REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH WU WELCOMED TO WASHINGTON



TECRO Representative Joseph Wu and C-100 Chairman John L. Fugh.

C-100 Chairman **John L. Fugh** hosted a luncheon at the Army Navy Club on May 29 to welcome the new Representative for the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the U.S., Jaushieh Joseph Wu. A former chairman of the Mainland Affairs Council, Wu had met Committee of 100 delegations to Taipei. He is well-suited to present Taiwan's view on the most important issue in U.S.-Taiwan relations—Taiwan's cross-strait relations with China. Also greeting Representative Wu were **Bob Gee**, **Cheng Li**, **Michael Lin**, **Chi Wang**, **Benjamin Wu**, and **Nancy Yuan**.

### TUNG CHEE HWA VISITS WASHINGTON

Hong Kong's former Chief Executive, Tung Chee Hwa, now a Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, visited Washington in June. Committee Chairman **John L. Fugh**, his wife June, and Executive Director Alice Mong hosted a dinner for Tung

and his special assistant, Huang Dizhong, on June 11 at the Army Navy Club. An old friend of the Committee's, Tung was interested to learn about recent C-100 activities. Tung was



From left: Alice Mong, John L. Fugh, Vice Chairman Tung Chee Hwa, June Fugh, and Tung's assistant, Huang Dizhong.

the first Chief Executive for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, which this year is celebrating the tenth anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China on July 1, 1997.

In New York, Mong and C-100 Governor **Henry Tang** were guests of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in commemoration of the Hong Kong SAR's 10th anniversary at NASDAQ's Opening Bell Ceremony on July 2.

## ON THE TOWN: COMMITTEE TREATS NEW YORK CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS TO DINNER, MOVIE

Volunteers for the New York Annual Conference this spring were hosted to a special evening in thanks for their invaluable donation of time and energy. Over thirty volunteers and staff members enjoyed dinner at Shanghai Pavilion on July 20, hosted by C-100 and conference volunteer coordinator Audrey Wu.

After dinner, the group walked to the nearby Asia Society for the Asian American International Film Festival. They attended a screening of the Festival opener by independent filmmaker Justin Lin. *Finishing the Game* is a comic "faux documentary" by Lin on the search for a stand-in for Bruce Lee to finish a movie Lee had begun before his death in 1973.

## COMMITTEE REACHES OUT TO THE MEDIA

West Coast media cultivation continued this summer, highlighted by a July 23 meeting in Los Angeles with representatives of the leading National Public Radio affiliate in Southern California (audience 400,000-plus) and of *Marketplace*, the NPR business program with a daily audience in excess of 8 million. Discussing future collaboration were C-100 Chairman **John L. Fugh**, Executive Director Alice Mong, **Stewart Kwoh**, C-100 Media Vice Chair **Jenny Ming**, **Lily Chen**, **Richard King**, and Carol Edgar. Ming and Edgar also met earlier in the month with Joanne Wallace, general manager of the NPR affiliate in San Francisco (audience 700,000-plus).

-Carol Edgar

## COMMITTEE CO-SPONSORS SCREENING OF OSCAR- WINNING DOCUMENTARY

On July 24, the Committee of 100 and HBO Documentary Films co-sponsored a special private screening of this year's Academy Award winner for Documentary Short Subject, *The Blood of Yingzhou District*, at the HBO Theater in New York City. Producer Tom Lennon thanked the Committee for the support and seed grants contributed by C-100 members.

These contributions made possible the China AIDS Media Project of Lennon and his partner, Ruby Yang, and led to the Oscar-winning documentary. Playing a key role in the Media Project was **Walter Wang** and his wife Shirley, who were the first to donate seed money. Other Committee members also made contributions, including Gina and **David Chu**, the Mark and **Anla Cheng** Kingdon Fund, the China AIDS fund (under the leadership of **Charles P. Wang**), and **David Ho** and his Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center. Among the more than 120 guests was C-100 Governor **Henry Tang**, who sits on the China AIDS Media Project's Board of Advisors.

The film illuminates the devastating impact of the AIDS epidemic on children in rural China, where 75,000 children have been orphaned by the disease. Facing social stigma and misinformation about the disease, those children—some of whom contracted HIV from their parents—are seen in the film being shunned by neighbors, shuffled from relative to relative, or left to survive on their own. All who attended the screening were deeply moved by the film. Many have since contacted the Media Project offering their help to the children and to efforts to solve the problem of AIDS in China.



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Committee members **Cheng Li**, Senior Fellow at the John L. Thornton China Center of the Brookings Institution, and **Frank H. Wu**, Dean of Wayne State University Law School, are chairing the survey project. Yong Lu, C-100 Research Director, remarked that Li and Wu make an excellent team to head the planning of this bi-national survey with their complemen-

tary areas of expertise. Li is a Chinese politics and foreign policy expert, and Wu is an authority on American political issues and Chinese Americans. In addition to contributing to all aspects of the survey and overseeing project management, they will be working with Yong and C-100 staff on data analysis and report writing after fieldwork is completed.

C-100 members **Carolyn Chin**, **Richard King**, **Xiaobo Lu**, **Betty Lee Sung**, **Lulu C. Wang**, **Jeremy Wu**, and **Nancy Yuan** also enthusiastically participated in the process of questionnaire design.

HONORABLE  
C100  
MENTIONS

RECENT AWARDS TO C100 MEMBERS



Morris Chang.

**Morris Chang**, Chairman of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. (TSMC), received an Honorary Doctorate in Business Management from National Chengchi University in Taipei on May 20. The degree honors

Chang's entrepreneurial prowess as "the father of Taiwan's semiconductor industry." In 1987, Chang established TSMC, the first and now the largest dedicated silicon chip foundry in the world, putting Taiwan's electronics industry on the map. Chang earned a doctorate in electrical engineering from Stanford University.



David Ho.

**David Ho**, founding Scientific Director and CEO of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, was feted at the annual dinner of the International Leadership Foundation (ILF) on July 26 in Washington, D.C. The ILF awards scholarships to

Asian American college students and encourages the development of leadership through public service internships. Ho was honored as an Asian American pioneer in medical research, having invented the "cocktail" of medications to treat AIDS in 1995, and for his current work on AIDS vaccines.



Doreen Woo Ho.

LEAP (Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics) honored **Doreen Woo Ho** at its 25th Anniversary Awards Dinner on July 19 in Los Angeles, as exemplifying "LEAP's mission to achieve full participation and equality for Asian Americans/Pacific

Islanders through leadership, empowerment, and policy." Woo Ho is President of Wells Fargo Consumer Credit Group, and one of the top women bankers in the U.S. LEAP Vice President Linda Akutagawa said that Woo Ho not only breaks stereotypes by showing that Asian American women are capable of being leaders, but she also is "willing to reach a hand out by mentoring young Asian Americans as well as a broad range of people from different backgrounds."



Dennis Wu.

**Dennis Wu**, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for UCBH Holdings, was winner of the Community Service Award, 2007 Bay Area CFO of the Year, given by the San Francisco Business Times to benefit Larkin

Street Youth Services on June 6 in San Francisco. Wu's long accounting and financial career was heralded, but his community involvement and mentoring were cited as

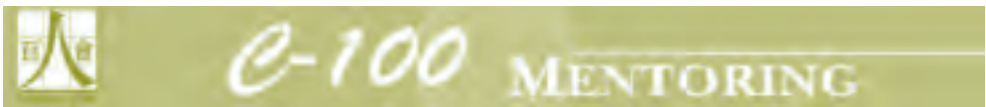
"what Dennis is really about." "Given his deep commitment to promoting diversity in the workplace, it is not surprising that Dennis was the first racial minority president of both the Commonwealth Club and UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business Alumni Association." He has held numerous leadership positions in community organizations, including Cow Palace and Self Help for the Elderly.



Helen Zia.

Author and journalist **Helen Zia** has been designated a Fulbright Scholar for 2007-2008 to study the historic migration of potentially millions of Shanghai people to Hong Kong, Taiwan, Brazil, and the U.S. as the Communists took over in

1949. "This significant diaspora is comparable to the German Jews who fled Hitler Germany, yet the Shanghai diaspora has been largely ignored by history, despite the great talent and accomplishment of those exiles," said Zia. Her research will include conducting oral histories and searching historical archives in Shanghai and Hong Kong. She also welcomes input from C-100 members and friends with connections to this diaspora. This summer, Zia, who has written extensively on Asian American issues, received the Outstanding Citizen Achievement Award from the Organization of Chinese Americans.



COMMITTEE'S MENTORSHIP  
EXPANDS ONLINE

A hallmark of the Committee's ongoing activities has been mentoring the younger generation in its quest for professional and personal advancement. In-person mentoring sessions, sometimes with several hundred participants, are held in the U.S. and China at C-100 conferences and regional events. Now, through the medium of the World Wide Web, the wisdom of C-100 mentors is being collected and circulated freely, and mentees are sharing career advice and meeting one another—all at [www.mentoring.committee100.org](http://www.mentoring.committee100.org).

Michael Lee, the Committee's Development Director and coordinator of C-100's Mentoring Program, created the new website, along with IT Director Frank Liu, and interns Tara Ely and Lily Tchen. Michael hopes that "this website will document the knowledge and experience of the C-100 members for all young professionals to benefit from in their careers."

The site generates a constant flow of podcasts, interviews, and articles by Committee members with their personal stories of growth,

challenge, and achievement. For example, California Institute of Technology biologist **Alice Huang** describes how she dealt with the disapproval of her parents when she left medical practice to pursue bio-medical research. Former Intel Senior Vice President **Albert Yu** addressed a common question he gets—how do I get onto the management track? His first suggestion: "Take the initiative to be a self-appointed program manager and make an important project happen, even though no one reports directly to you. Don't wait for your boss to tap you on your shoulder to promote you." Career civil servant **Jeremy Wu** explains why public service can be the most rewarding career of all: "While not everyone has the motivation, dedication, and perseverance to succeed in public service, those who do will make contributions to society beyond any corporate bottom line."

## OF NOTE | MEMBERS MAKING NEWS



Leroy Chiao

Astronaut **Leroy Chiao** spoke on the future of moon exploration with a panel of astronauts from China, Russia, France, Canada, and Austria at the International Academy of Astronautics conference, "Humans in Space," in Beijing this May. He also spent much time with China's astronauts and space officials: "We have excellent rapport and pledged to work together toward international cooperation in space."

This summer, Chiao's activities included six days at the NASA Houghton-Mars Project on Devon Island near the North Pole, studying what it's like to work in the polar desert environment that resembles the geology of Mars. While there, the three-member team taught a class on space exploration using streaming video to communicate with students attending twelve Challenger Learning Center camps.



David Henry Hwang

**David Henry Hwang's** new play, *Yellow Face*, is a satiric, heavily autobiographical, and "intellectually resonant" exploration of "race, identity and, that most puzzling of all concepts, authenticity," according to the *Los Angeles Times*. A collaboration of Center Theatre Group, The Public Theater, and East West Players, *Yellow Face* premiered at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles on May 10 and moves to New York for The Public Theater's 2007-08 season.

Hwang's personal story morphs into a fantasy that incorporates real-life, ethnically tinged controversies involving both him and his father. "[Hwang's] ability, as a dramatist, to imagine the situation from multiple perspectives lends his discussion a felt wisdom that's a refreshing change from the shallow polemics we're too often bombarded with." [LAT, May 22, 2007]



Tan Dun.

Composer **Tan Dun** will be music planner for the opening ceremony of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, working with an international team including Zhang Yimou (who directed Tan's opera, *The First Emperor*). Tan and Zhang also worked together on China's Olympic Bid Film. On August 7, Tan conducted three of his compositions for the International Olympic Committee at a luncheon to celebrate the one-year countdown to the 8/8/2008 opening of the Games in Beijing.

*Crouching Tiger Concerto*, based on Tan's famous film score, and two other works incorporating the evocative melodies and rhythms of the Miao and Nuo Xi peoples gave Olympic officials a sense of Tan's range. On July 21, Tan was present for the American premiere of his 2002 opera, *Tea: A Mirror of Soul* at the Santa Fe Opera.

Hao Jiang Tian in the title role of *Poet Li Bai*. Photo credit: Mark Kiryluk/Central City Opera

Metropolitan Opera bass **Hao Jiang Tian** debuted at Colorado's Central City Opera in the title role of *Poet Li Bai* in its world premiere this July. The one-act opera, composed by Guo Wenjing and sung in Chinese, "blends post-modern orchestral atmospherics, traditional Beijing Opera, and a dreamy, imaginative libretto that paints an impressionistic portrait of one of China's greatest poets," according to *Variety*. Tian found it both challenging and exciting to portray a Tang poet (rather than a king or a nobleman) and sing in his native Mandarin rather than in Italian or French. In just one of the unanimously positive reviews, *Variety* reported that Tian "captures Li Bai's sensitivity and visionary phrasing, while his imposing stature argues for immortality." The driving force behind *Poet Li Bai* was Asian Performing Arts of Colorado, led by Tian's wife, Martha Liao, with support from Anna and **John Sie** and CH2M Hill. *Poet Li Bai* has its Asian premiere on October 9 in Beijing and will open October 18 in Shanghai.



Alice Young.

Thanks to the recommendation of C-100 Public Relations Director An Ping, *Wide Angle*, an international documentary series on PBS, featured an interview with **Alice Young** following the airing of "The People's Court," an inside look at China's changing legal system. The program was broadcast nationally on July 3, but can be watched online at [www.pbs.org/wnet](http://www.pbs.org/wnet). Young is Partner and Chair of the Asia Pacific Practice for Kaye Scholer LLP. Spanning

Young's views on topics from human rights to advice for American businesses, the interview is a showcase for Young's thirty years of experience as a corporate lawyer in China. When asked if Chinese legal reforms would lead to democracy, Young was doubtful: "And, frankly, when I talked to ordinary business people in China, their primary objective is not democracy as such. They see a lot of problems with democracy. Their goal is to do well and to have a good future for their children."

A special feature of the mentoring website is a social networking forum for mentees that uses the Affinity Circles program to allow members to share information, read job listings, and meet members who live nearby. As of this summer, 200 registered Forum members had created individual pages, and several in-person networking meetings and social gatherings had been held.

## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

## RECENT APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC POSITIONS

**Paul C.W. Chu**, winner of the 1988 National Medal of Science for his discovery of high-temperature superconductivity has been appointed to the 12-member President's Committee that selects each year's National Medal of Science winner. Chu is concurrently



Paul Chu

the T.L.L. Temple Chair of Science and a physics professor at the University of Houston and the President of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

## PRO BONO | COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONTRIBUTING TO THE GREATER GOOD

## MUSEUM OF CHINESE IN AMERICA

Just as Committee members took the lead in bringing about Bill Moyers' historic documentary series, *Becoming American: The Chinese Experience*, they are coming forward in aid of a new project—the construction of a dramatic new home for the Museum of Chinese in America (MoCA) in New York City, which will serve as a national center for learning about the history of Chinese Americans.

Until architect **Maya Lin** saw *Becoming American*, she thought little about her Chinese heritage or where her family's history fits in the multiple streams of Chinese migration to the U.S. Deeply influenced by the Moyers series, Lin today is the high-profile designer of MoCA's new site and a committed MoCA board member dedicated to building the museum into a strong institution that will bring the Chinese American story to a national audience.

If all goes as planned, MoCA will move into its new 14,000 sq. foot space at Lafayette and Centre St. in time to celebrate Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month next May. Lin is transforming two floors of an old industrial building into a museum with galleries for permanent and changing exhibitions, a research center, offices, bookstore, and a classroom and lecture hall. "The architecture reveals the character of the historic building—wrapping the core exhibition around an existing two-story-high sky-lit courtyard. The archi-



A rendering of Maya Lin's Journey Wall, which will grace the entrance to the new Museum of Chinese in America when it opens next year.

tecture creates layers within the space—transitioning from the courtyard which I will deliberately leave untouched and historic while creating new spaces that surround it. Like its siting which bridges between Chinatown and Soho, MoCA also in its design will bridge between old and new." As for the new, Lin is using sustainable design in the building, aiming for a silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating.

When you enter the museum at Centre St., you'll see Lin's special gift to MoCA, "The Journey Wall." The bronze-plated, tiled wall will not only be valuable in itself as a signature piece of art in Lin's body of work (her Vietnam Veterans Memorial is the most visited memorial in Washington, D.C.), but it will also provide a fitting place to commemorate one's family and to raise funds for the museum. Lin believes that the Journey Wall will immediately show visitors that Chinese Americans live all over the United States, not just in big cities on the two

coasts, but in small towns in places like Ohio, her home state.

Along with the core exhibition that will tell the history of Chinese in the U.S., and MoCA's archives and research center, Lin is especially excited about the online versions that are taking shape simultaneously. She sees the online museum and archives as an outreach tool, using the same "layered approach" as the museum "to teach all of us about the very complex and rich history of Chinese Americans in this country."

On October 30, Lin, **David Henry Hwang**, and **David Ho** will be dinner hosts for MoCA's legacy benefit dinner at the Tribeca Rooftop. Among the honorees will be two Committee members: **Lulu C. Wang**, whose advocacy for Chinatown through The September 11th Fund led to a major contribution for MoCA, and Shirley and **Walter Wang**, the lead donors for *Becoming American*, which MoCA executive director Charles Lai attributes to "propelling the national conversation of who we are as Chinese Americans." Also being honored that night are fashion designer Vera Wang and President of General Motors in Brazil, Ray Young. Lin hopes that MoCA's \$15 million capital expansion campaign will be given a vigorous boost that evening.

## MAKING MOVES

## C100 MEMBERS IN TRANSITION



Janet Yang

**Janet Yang**, in addition to producing under her long-time banner, Manifest Film Company, is now President and Chief Operating Officer of American Sterling Productions, a new entertainment company financing and producing independent feature films and made-for-television movies. American Sterling's first film is *Dark Matter*, winner of both the 2007 Sundance Film Festival's prestigious Alfred P. Sloan Feature Film Prize and the Best Narrative Feature Award at the Asian

Cinevision Film Festival. Featuring celebrated theater director Chen Shi-Zheng (*Peony Pavilion*) and a cast including Liu Ye, Aidan Quinn and Meryl Streep, the film is loosely inspired by the 1991 Lu Gang shootings at the University of Iowa. Yang commented, "With *Dark Matter*, I continue my search for stories that humanize Chinese. Like many of my own parents' generation and countless since then, our protagonist comes to America with sky-high aspirations. Armed with brilliance, ambition, charm and sincerity, he still cannot reconcile his dreams within an idealized view of America."



David Ho and Jerry Yang with Paul Merage and Lan Nguyen of the Merage Foundation.

In a management shuffle that made the front page, **Jerry Yang** took over as Yahoo's Chief Executive from Terry Semel on June 18. In 1994, Yang co-founded the Internet search company with David Filo, both graduate stu-

## QUARTET OF INTERNS “GRADUATES” FROM C100

Four outstanding C-100 interns are concluding their work for the Committee this summer, some of them moving in new directions as a result of their experience.

Tara Ely came to the Committee on the recommendation of Diane Woo, after graduating from Coe College with a degree in Business Administration and Public Relations. Tara's gravitation toward Asia comes from her family, which has had strong work and friendship ties with the Asian community in Iowa. "Prior to my internship at C-100, I thought I wanted to be a professor, but working for C-100 and being in New York City in the real world made me think a bit," said Tara. She now imagines a job that will let her travel and work with people from different cultures to find a common goal. Being a Facebook addict, Tara loved working on C-100's Mentoring Website, and is already planning a Master's Thesis on online communication for her degree in Communication Studies at the University of Northern Iowa. Tara is continuing to help with the website and hopes to volunteer at the Los Angeles conference in 2008.



Tara Ely at Annual Conference.

Mike Fung had the unusual experience of working with his former Hamilton College professor, **Cheng Li**, who joined the Committee around the same time as Mike began his internship after graduating from



Mike Fung (far right) with C-100 Development Director Michael Lee and Executive Director Alice Mong at the April post-conference party in New York City.

Hamilton in Public Policy. The experience of getting to know Chinese American pioneers, contact with speakers for the Annual Conference, and learning about U.S.-China relations first-hand has solidified Mike's desire for a China-related career and impressed upon him the many possible avenues he could take. Having spent a semester in Beijing during his junior year, Mike returns to China to begin his graduate studies. This fall, he will be taking law and economics classes (all in Chinese) at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies, administered by Nanjing University and Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. Mike plans to help with the C-100 conference in Beijing this November.

David Lau saw his C-100 internship as an opportunity to be mentored by the inspiring staff and membership, who helped him understand what it took to succeed. David graduated from Yale University in Literature in 2005 and then



David Lau.

worked in journalism for Time Magazine in Hong Kong before coming to the Committee, attracted to the organization by his admiration of its members. With his background in journalism, David worked with An Ping on

public relations. He found it interesting to be "on the other side," trying to catch the attention of journalists so they would cover the Annual Conference (although he admitted that due to the caliber of the speakers, this was easy to do). David is now beginning his first year at Cornell Law School. From his experience working for the Committee, he is even more deeply committed to working on Chinese American issues.



Intern Adrianne Ho and recently-departed Lily Tchen at New York conference.

Even though she was born in China, Lily Tchen had little interest in China or things Chinese when she arrived at the Committee. But, Lily found the C-100 public relations internship posted on Craigslist and decided to give it a try. She had graduated from Penn State with a degree in Journalism and English, and had worked in fashion and grassroots public relations. Now, after doing public relations and many other jobs for the Annual Conference, organizing mentoring events, and being immersed in U.S.-China issues at the Committee, Lily has decided to shift to international relations for her graduate degree. Her next step, however, is five months of intensive Chinese at the Beijing Language and Culture University. Of course, she has already been recruited to work at the Committee's Greater China conference in Beijing this November.

dents at Stanford, and has always been a member of Yahoo's board, most recently with the title of Chief Yahoo. Yang wrote in his blog, "The time for me is right. The time is now. The Internet is still young, the opportunities ahead are tremendous, and I'm ready to rally

our nearly 12,000 Yahoos around the world to help seize them. Go Yahoo!" On June 5, Yang received the National Leadership Award for Entrepreneurship from the Merage Foundation for the American Dream, which honors high-achieving immigrants who are role

models for young Americans. Attending were C-100 Chair **John L. Fugh**, Merage Foundation board members **Jenny Ming** and **David Ho**, executive director Alice Mong, and D.C. consultant Tovah LaDier.

FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
**S. ALICE MONG**

In less than a year, the eyes of the world will be on Beijing. As it was for South Korea in 1988 and Japan in 1964, the Olympic Games will be a major milestone for China. I was in Beijing on a family visit in May and saw first hand how far advanced the preparations are for what will surely be the greatest sports spectacular ever. The roads are paved, the stadiums are finished or near completion, and the people of China are ready for their close-up. In my opinion, only Beijing's stifling pollution and tedious traffic, if not brought under control, could spoil the party.

For ethnic Chinese, the Olympics will be a great source of pride. This will not just be a coming-out for China as a nation but a showcase of Chinese tradition, history and talent, a global celebration of our culture, both the new and the old. Inspired by the occasion, my relatives in the U.S., Taiwan and the mainland are holding a reunion in our ancestral village. I am sure many other Chinese families are doing the same. The rest of the world should join in that discovery.

We should be under no illusion that admiration for China and the Chinese will be universal, or that the festive spirit will last. While we may hope that the Olympics is all about excellence in sports—the graceful agility of gymnast Mary Lou Retton, the pinpoint perfection of diver Fu Mingxia, or the explosive power of swimmer Mark Spitz – the reality is that politics have always intruded into the Games ever since the ancient Greek tradition was revived more than a century ago. The "Miracle on Ice" pulled off by the gritty U.S. hockey team at Lake Placid by beating their rivals from the Soviet Union was all the more dramatic because of the Cold War context. There were of course the boycotts of Montreal, Moscow and Los Angeles. And the 1988 Seoul Games was a catalyst for the democratic movement in South Korea.

Despite all the political storms, every four years the Olympics demonstrate the power of people. Consider the heroics of track great Jesse Owens in Berlin, competing—and winning—in powerful rebuke of Hitler and the Nazi regime. After his four-gold triumph, Owens returned to segregated America where he had to take the freight elevator to attend a reception in his honor at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York! Despite the limits on his rights and freedom at home, Owens showed Americans and

the world just what a determined and talented individual could do. He brought down barriers and brought our country together.

As the Beijing Games approach, we can be sure that critics of China, including politicians aiming to score points with voters, will seek to take advantage of the situation to promote their arguments. Some are already talking about a boycott to protest China's relations with Sudan or its human rights record. While it is entirely appropriate for these concerned voices to be heard, the Olympics are not an occasion for a geopolitical tug-of-war that nobody can win. (Appropriately, the tug-of-war, once an Olympic discipline, was dropped after the 1920 Games.) Instead, it is a time to celebrate the triumph of the human spirit over physical and mental adversity: men and women striving to achieve the best that they can, whether or not they end up on the medal stand. This is the story of modern China and millions of Chinese across the world.

My favorite part of the Olympics has always been the closing ceremony when the competitors, coaches and officials from all the countries pour into the stadium as a group, no longer rivals but comrades united in sportsmanship. It is wonderfully stirring to see divides bridged, tensions released and enmities put aside even for a few hours. The Beijing Olympics will be an enormous opportunity to seek common ground and foster friendship among nations and peoples. Who knows? We may yet see the Chinese participants from both sides of the Taiwan Strait marching together, as the North and South Koreans did in Sydney and Athens.

I for one am looking forward with great excitement to what I am certain will be an unforgettable pageant of sporting drama and excellence that promotes the same ideals of fellowship and inclusion that the members of the Committee of 100 hold dear.



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