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## BRIDGE TO CHANGE: 16TH ANNUAL COMMITTEE OF 100 CONFERENCE

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How will China's rise change the world? U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson, Wall Street titans, Chinese American entrepreneurs, and a host of "green" corporate leaders from both the U.S. and China will join the Committee of 100 for its 16th Annual Conference at The Waldorf=Astoria and offer their insights on this question. Many of the speakers are Committee members directly engaged in U.S.-China interchange and possessing a deep understanding of both cultures.



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A thread throughout the conference will be the search for common solutions to shared problems like balancing our energy needs with the environment, said **Lulu C. Wang**, one of the five conference co-chairs along with **Anla Cheng**, **David Chu**, **Gina Lin Chu**, and **Bernard Joei**.

A few highlights from the impressive agenda are:

- Welcome by Michael Bloomberg, the Mayor of New York City.
- Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson gives a major keynote address to the Committee on

the ongoing dialogue with China about such issues as the trade deficit and intellectual property piracy. As chief executive of Goldman Sachs, Paulson accumulated scores of high-level contacts from his 60 visits to China and is highly respected there.

- Elegant gala dinner at Gotham Hall with honorees John Mack, CEO of Morgan Stanley; Joseph Kahn, China Bureau Chief of the New York Times; **Walter Wang**, CEO of JM Manufacturing Company and JM Eagle; and Lucy Liu, actress and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador.

- Featured high tech executives include Lenovo President and CEO William Amelio, Founder and Chairman of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. **Morris Chang**, CEO of NVIDIA **Jen-Hsun Huang**, President of Google China **Kai-Fu Lee**, and Chief Yahoo! **Jerry Yang**.

- Wall Street leaders include Henry Kravis, Founding Partner, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.; **Wei Christianson**, CEO and Managing Director of Morgan Stanley China; and Charles R. Kaye, Co-President, Warburg Pincus.

- Business panels on investment, recruiting, branding, and the new media presented by such corporate stars as **Ronnie Chan**, Chairman of Hang Lung Group, Estée Lauder's Fred Langhammer, China pollster Victor Yuan, venture capitalist **J. Michael Chu** of Catterton Partners, and Brookings Institution Chairman John L. Thornton.
- A strong focus on how businesses and non-profits are "going green" in China and new cooperation between our two countries to solve looming environmental challenges, featuring Suntech CEO Shi Zhengrong.
- U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao and two Hong Kong SAR officials, Frederick Ma, Secretary of Financial Services and the Treasury, and Laura Cha, Deputy Chairman, HSBC, will present their views of China's financial future.
- "Bridge to a Bright Future," a full afternoon of mentoring by C-100 members who will share their career and life lessons with young professionals.
- Special thanks to the lead corporate sponsor Morgan Stanley and to AIG, Citigroup, Deloitte & Touche, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, and Mercedes Benz.
- Those not attending can download conference presentations. The summer issue of *Committee Bridges* will include extended coverage of the event.

## JOHN L. FUGH CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE OF 100



I would like to highlight the need for Sino-American cooperation in dealing with China's energy and environmental challenges.

The simple message from Al Gore's documentary film, "An Inconvenient Truth," is that we are now facing a planetary emergency—global warming. This warning was underscored by a recent United Nations panel, made up of scientists from 113 countries, which concluded that human activity is warming the planet at a potentially disastrous and irreversible rate. They declared that global warming was "unequivocal" and warned that immediate action must be taken.

There are, of course, critics who say the potential effects of climate change have been exaggerated. One U.S. senator referred to global warming as "the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people." Notwithstanding such partisan skepticism, the overwhelming scientific evidence says otherwise. As Al Gore puts it, "the planet has a fever," and it behooves us to take action to treat the patient, not ignore Mother Earth's symptoms.

Regarding the issue of climate change, I believe there is a global mission for the United States and China to work together to tackle this key challenge of the 21st century. Why? Because the U.S. and China are the largest global consumers of energy. Both are the biggest producers of greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

China is now the second-largest emitter of the greenhouse gases, trailing only the United States. The International Energy Agency has predicted that China is likely to surpass the U.S. in carbon dioxide emissions within two years. China is the most coal-dependent economy in the world. Currently, over two-thirds of China's energy comes from coal, and to reach its economic growth goals, coal use will at least double over the next 20 years. China's oil imports are skyrocketing. Since 1955, the number of automobiles has nearly tripled to over 28 million. As its economy speeds ahead, China's environment is deteriorating. Simply breathing in one of China's major cities is a two-pack-a-day habit!

In the United States, we are still debating whether to take the first steps required to abate greenhouse gas emissions. The U.S. refused to ratify the Kyoto Protocol, which would have committed our country to a path of reduction, and China was never bound by that document in any event. Clearly, both countries must ultimately take part in an international accord if the aggregate concentration of greenhouse gases is to be reduced in this century. It is encouraging nonetheless that China's political leadership at least appears to grasp the seriousness of the environmental challenge, and its relationship to sustainable development. They recognize that clean energy technologies are central to advancing the nation's economic growth without further degrading the environment. As President Hu Jintao said, "Climate change is not just an environmental issue, but ultimately a development issue."

As a start, China has adopted policies to encourage energy efficiency and renewable energy. Some encouraging progress has been achieved, such as adopting vehicle fuel economy standards, bus rapid transit systems, building codes, and appliance efficiency standards. These are important steps toward a sustainable energy future. But much more needs to be done in terms of funding and commitment. The sheer scale and pace of China's growth and reliance on fossil fuels are likely to jeopardize any policy gains in energy efficiency and renewable energy. For instance, China has set a five-year goal of improving energy efficiency by 20 percent. But, last year, it failed to meet the first target in that schedule. With redoubled commitment from Chinese leadership, China's environmentally sustainable energy development can be put on a track to succeed.

In this regard, China and the United States share a commonality of interests. Both need to expand nuclear, clean coal and renewable energy supplies. Both need advances in energy efficiency. Both would benefit from more diverse sources of oil and gas. Here lies an opportunity for the two "stakeholders" to play a leading role in development of renewable energy sources, new environmental technologies, and green building techniques and city planning approaches. This broader agenda not only will reduce reliance on fossil fuels and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, but also will provide market opportunities for businesses in both countries. The new Sino-American strategic economic dialogues provide the foundation to do so. The "inconvenient truth" is that we are running out of time.

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# CONFERENCE PREVIEWS

## CONFERENCE SPOTLIGHTS CHINA ON WALL STREET

Some of the nation's most powerful investment bankers and analysts seem to spend as much time in China as on Wall Street these days. Their perspectives on China's global influence will be at the core of the Committee of 100's conference in New York City this April. Here are a few of the most notable speakers:

- The opening keynote will be given by "Mr. Private Equity," Henry R. Kravis, Founding Partner of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts. Kravis is expanding KKR's portfolio in China and will be speaking about how private equity investments bring China not only capital but management expertise.
- John Mack, Chairman and CEO of Morgan Stanley, has said he wants "to build the leading fully integrated financial services firm in China" and will be joined at the conference by the company's CEO for China, **Wei Christianson**, one of the new China-born stars making waves in the IPO and M&A world.
- John Thornton was President of Goldman Sachs Group and remains on its board, but he is now the director of the Global Leadership Program at Tsinghua University in Beijing as well as Chairman of the Brookings Institution. He also is the benefactor of Brookings' John L. Thornton China Center, which examines the challenges facing China as well as the implications for the U.S. of China's rise to power.
- Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Chairman and CEO of WL Ross & Co., is in the "turnaround business" reviving failing steel plants, auto parts companies, and textile mills. Now he's shopping in China for low-tech companies and told *US News and World Report* that "China is the most amazing industrial revolution the world has ever seen."
- Charles (Chip) R. Kaye is Co-President of Warburg Pincus and established the private equity firm's operations in Asia in 1994. He is also on the Council on Foreign Relations and is an Asia Society trustee.
- Morgan Stanley Managing Director Mary Meeker, known since 1998 as "Queen of the Net," has followed China's Internet boom as an investor and in 2004 published the first extensive analysis of China's Internet market.

- John S. Wadsworth, Jr. is Chairman of Ceyuan Ventures, a Beijing-based high tech venture capital firm, with long experience in China. In 1995, as Morgan Stanley's Asia Pacific chairman, he structured a deal with China Construction Bank to create China's first domestic investment bank, China International Capital Corp.
- Jim Rogers is a commodities investor who with George Soros founded the hedge fund, Quantum Fund, and then retired at 37 to investigate financial markets on the ground, writing *Investment Biker* and *Adventure Capitalist*. Today, he believes that China's dominance in the 21st century should be the central fact for any investor.
- William Rhodes is Senior Vice President of Citigroup and the company's Senior International Officer with responsibility for relationships with clients, governments and international agencies around the world. He is also Vice Chairman of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

## CAN CHINA LAUNCH A GREEN INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION?

Perhaps the most urgent question for China today is whether it can acquire the energy and resources it needs to keep growing without destroying the environment. With China set to surpass the United States in emitting global warming greenhouse gases in 2009, international pressures will increase on both countries for sustainable, green growth. Two panels and a special presentation will address these issues at the 16th annual conference, taking a positive look at how the U.S. and China are working together at all levels to solve these problems.

### "China and Energy — Working Toward Common Solutions"

**Maya Lin**, a deeply committed environmentalist who always incorporates sustainable, green design into her architecture, opens this panel with moderator Jim Rogers, an investment guru who sees China as the undisputed 21st century superpower. Coming from China will be Shi Zhengrong, CEO of Suntech, one of the world's top solar manufacturers and China's seventh rich-



Victoria Chu Pao

est man. Tom Friedman of *The New York Times* devoted a recent column to Shi: "Only 43 years old and full of energy himself, Mr. Shi hopes to do for solar energy what China did for tennis shoes: drive down the cost so that millions of people who could not afford solar photovoltaic panels will be able to do so." Currently, 90% of Suntech's products are exported because the cost is too high for China. Another speaker, Victoria Chu Pao, President of Platts, The McGraw-Hill Companies, which provides energy information for investors, points out that in spite of China's ambitious 2006 targets to reduce energy use and emission of pollutants, both consumption and pollution increased. Doug Ogden, China Program Director for The Energy Foundation, will describe how this American non-profit organization has funded renewable energy projects throughout China and worked with the national and regional governments to develop energy policy.

### Building a U.S.-China Partnership for Energy, Water and the Environment

**John Sie**, founder of the Institute for Sino-American International Dialogue (ISAID) at the University of Denver, will present his newly-inaugurated initiative to bring together American and Chinese policymakers in government and the private sector to develop a consensus on how to solve our critical problems of global sustainability—energy demand and supply, a looming global water crisis, and environmental degradation and imbalances. The Institute has been endorsed by the Presidents of both the U.S. and China and was primarily funded with a grant from the Anna and John J. Sie Foundation.

### "China Going Green?"

Moderated by this year's Headline winner, New York Times China Bureau Chief, Joseph Kahn, this panel features speakers representing top American corporations and a major

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## C100 IN ACTION

### C100 INNOVATES TO MEET CHINESE DEMAND FOR MENTORING

To meet the huge demand for mentoring in China by Committee members, Beijing-based member **Kai-Fu Lee**, CEO of Google China, developed a "multi-tier" mentoring system in which senior mentors train young mentors, who commit to a year of mentoring university students while receiving valuable mentoring themselves. With the blessing of C-100 mentoring program chair **Albert Yu** and Little Dragon Foundation chair **Carter Tseng**, Lee hosted a November 29 mentoring session at Google headquarters in Beijing for nearly 80 Chinese students. Senior mentors were C-100 members Lee, Tseng, and Polytechnic University Chancellor **David Chang**, along with non-members Duh Jia-bin, former President of Cisco Systems China, and Huang Yun. They trained 14 young mentors, many of whom had overseas experience. Each senior mentor works with three younger mentors, who each mentors five mentees. Attending were students from Tsinghua University and Peking University in Beijing and Nankai University in Tianjin, as well as past winners of the C-100 Leadership Scholarship.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PLAY ROLE IN BAY AREA REPORT ON LINKS WITH CHINA

The Committee of 100 helped launch a major report on the economic relationship between the Bay Area and China, commissioned and released November 16 by the Bay Area Economic Forum. The 168-page report, "Ties That Bind: The San Francisco Bay Area's Economic Links to Greater China," emphasizes the past, current and growing "bridge" between the Bay Area and China, not only for business but education and culture. It was launched at San Francisco's Commonwealth Club and widely covered in the media. **Dennis Wu** represented C-100 and was among the Committee members interviewed for, or mentioned in, the report. Wu also joined Bay Area Economic Forum CEO Sean Randolph, along with other panelists, for an hour-long discussion on KQED's

call-in program, "Forum." "The implications of this report are enormous," said Wu. "Chinese Americans, especially in the Bay Area, are in a position not only to foster robust trade relations between the U.S. and China, but also to foster widespread understanding between the two nations. Clearly this is a mandate for the continued, and increased leadership of Chinese Americans for the sake of our nation, and for the world." The report can be downloaded at [www.bayeconfor.org/keypub.html](http://www.bayeconfor.org/keypub.html).

-Thanks to Carol Edgar for this report.

### SAN FRANCISCO MEMBERS WELCOME CHINA ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY CONTACT



San Francisco reception: from left, son of Ren Qimin, May Koo, Dennis Wu, Ambassador Ding Yuanhong, Richard King, George Koo, Ren Qimin, and Carol Edgar.

On January 12, a reception for a delegation from the China Association for International Friendly Contact [Zhongguo Guoji Youhao Lianluohui] was held at the home of **Richard King** and Carol Edgar in San Francisco. Led by Ambassador Ding Yuanhong, the other members were Ren Qimin, Deputy Secretary General of the Association, and Wang Xiaowei, Director of American and European Studies of the Center for Peace and Development Studies. In addition, Ren's son who is a graduate student at Stanford University and Ron Chow, a Commissioner of the State of Washington's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, also attended.

May and **George Koo** and **Dennis Wu** repre-

sented the Committee. The intimate setting made it easy to learn from each other. The highlight was Ambassador Ding's informative recollection of the events that led to normalization of relations between U. S. and China, having played a key role as one of the draftees of the Shanghai Communiqué. Among his stories was an amazing account of how the normalization process began—in a men's room! At a Polish event, when the Chinese chargé d'affaires went to the men's room, he was followed by his American counterpart and an interpreter, who told the Chinese official, "Our President Nixon would like to meet Chairman Mao!"

-Richard King

### COMMITTEE CO-SPONSORS MENTORING SESSIONS WITH CORPORATE ASIAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEE NETWORK

Bay Area C-100 members are joining with the Corporate Asian American Employee Network (CAAEN) to cultivate leadership qualities in a select group of young Asian American corporate employees from CAAEN's member companies (which include Intel, the City and County of San Francisco, and Deloitte). Ray Su, CAAEN co-chair, welcomed the involvement of the Committee, with leadership such as **Albert Yu**, who founded Intel's Asian Cultural Integration employee group, and **Lee Ting**, who set up the Hewlett-Packard Asian Pacific Employee Network.

The 25 mentees had competed to participate in the six-month CAAEN Leadership Training



Mentor Lee Ting (center) with CAAEN mentees.

# C100 NEW MEMBER

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Elwood Lui

Honored by the California State Bar with its 2006 Bernard Witkin Medal, given to "those legal giants among us who have altered the landscape of California jurisprudence," **Elwood Lui** is Partner and a member of the Management Committee of one of the world's largest law firms, Jones Day. Recently, he founded and was Partner-in-Charge of the San Francisco Office, while maintaining his extensive Los Angeles practice specializing in appeals and high-stakes financial cases. A master of complex litigation, Lui has represented corporations, such as optical service firm Pearle Vision, and public entities, including Los Angeles County and the State of California. Lui returned to private practice after nearly twenty years of service in the California justice system, appointed as a deputy attorney general in 1969 and a judge in 1975, only five years after graduating from UCLA Law School. Appointed by Governor Jerry Brown,

first to the trial courts—Los Angeles Municipal Court and Los Angeles Superior Court—Lui then became the first Chinese American Associate Justice of the California Court of Appeal in 1981, hearing several hundred appeals in five Southern California counties. Since joining Jones Day in 1987, his mediating skills have been sought by governors and presidents alike to tackle politically sensitive tasks, such as the re-organization of the Los Angeles County foster care department in 1990. Lui serves as the White House's representative and chair of the bi-partisan Judicial Advisory Selection Committee for the Central District of California, working with colleagues appointed by White House and the California Democratic Senators to screen candidates for appointment to the federal bench.



Michael Chang, Linda Akutagawa, George Koo, Ray Zhan Su, and Wayland Chan.

Program, which began in January and includes two half-day mentoring sessions in February and March co-sponsored by C-100. Committee mentors Yu, Ting, **Milton Chang**, **George Koo**, and **Jenny Ming** shared their remarkable careers and paths to success, said mentor coordination team leader Alan Wong. "Go for the thing that you're passionate about," Ming told the group. When opportunity came, "I just jumped on it," said Ting. In mentorship "families," each mentor met with five mentees, allowing much individual feedback. Over the next few months, mentees will have a chance to practice leadership skills in their companies.

## PROFILES OF C100 LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Glance at the photos and self-introductions of the winners of last year's Committee of 100 Leadership Scholarships for a hint at China's

potential for greatness. The 24 winners attend the best universities in China and were among the 60 applicants nominated by their schools for leadership and academic achievements, as well as financial need. C-100 members in Greater China select the winners, who provide the Committee with a link to China's next generation of leaders.

Zhang Jingyu is studying for her Masters degree in Electric Power Systems and Automation at Tianjin University, but she is also a student leader who has been President of both the undergraduate and graduate students' Science and Technology Associations. An intriguing activity in 2004 was her participation in eight days of "intercommunication" exercises in Taiwan as one of the mainland students chosen by the Chen Moai-Pang Memorial Foundation for this annual exchange.

Deng Meizhu is a postgraduate student in the Finance Department of Lingnan College, Zhongshan University, in Guangzhou, who has already passed exams to be a Chartered Financial Analyst and an SOA actuarial specialist. She also volunteered with her university's program to improve education for the poor, both teaching English and chemistry and raising funds for subsidizing student tuition and improving the school's library.

Ding Chao studies Chinese language and literature at Nankai University, yet in his self-introduction writes only of his extensive extra-curricular activities. He led Nankai's delegation to the



Ding Chao

2004 Asia-Pacific Model United Nations and then started the Student International Communication Association, with the help of two retired U.N. ambassadors. As president of the Association, Ding invited

many international diplomats and business people to campus, hoping to inspire his fellow students to learn about diplomatic affairs and get involved.

Qin Meng is a Ph.D. student in biophysics at



Qin Meng

Nanjing University, whose academic performance as an undergraduate was so good that he was able to bypass national graduate student examinations. He has already published six journal articles, while finding time to

chair the All-China Students Federation. Previously, he was vice-president of the Federation following his service as an officer in the Jiangsu Province Student Federation.

More than 20 Committee members have made generous contributions to the Leadership Scholarship Fund, the top donors including **Ronnie Chan**, **Daniel Chao**, **Carter Tseng**, **Shirley Young**, and **Linda Tsao Yang**. Donations are welcome from members and friends and are tax-deductible.



# NEW 2007 VICE-CHAIRS FOR ASIA, MEDIA AND MEMBERSHIP

## THE COMMITTEE'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WELCOMES THREE NEW VICE CHAIRS



Mei Wei Cheng

**Mei Wei Cheng** is Vice Chair for Asia, coordinating the Committee's increasing activities in Greater China. Based in Shanghai, Cheng is Corporate Vice President of Ford Motor Company and Chairman and CEO of Ford

Motor China. With Ford sales and production in China booming, Cheng told the *Chicago Tribune* this January that "the China market is a critical part in our plans in building a stronger Ford Motor Co."



Jenny Ming

**Jenny Ming**, former President of Old Navy, is Vice Chair for Media, bringing her marketing savvy to the Committee. Since she left Gap Inc. last fall after 19 years, Ming has been a popular speaker at business conferences, as well as inspiring women to pursue leadership positions in talks to student, women's and Asian American organizations. Last June, Ming was one of three high-achieving immigrants honored by the Merage Foundation for the American Dream.

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Dominic Ng

**Dominic Ng** is now Vice Chair for Membership, responsible for recruiting and retaining Committee members. Ng is Chairman, CEO and President of East West Bancorp, parent company of East West Bank, headquartered in Pasadena, California. Ng recently announced that for the tenth year running, East West had record earnings, and he said that the company would soon open a branch in Hong Kong and representative office in Shanghai.

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS CELEBRATE EXTRAORDINARY MET OPERA, "THE FIRST EMPEROR"

Many Committee members were among the many Chinese American opera fans attending "The First Emperor," an international collaboration composed and conducted by **Tan Dun** and directed by Zhang Yimou, which had nine sold-out performances this winter at the Metropolitan Opera. The cast included tenor Placido Domingo as Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi and basso cantante **Hao Jiang Tian** as General Wang. The show will go on to Los Angeles and may be performed at the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

Opening night on December 21 was the occasion for a benefit dinner and cast party that dominated the "Evening Hours" page of Sunday's *New York Times* with photos of Committee members **Wei Christianson**, **Tan Dun**, **Yue-Sai Kan**, **Hao Jiang Tian** and his wife Martha Liao, and **Shirley Young**.

A special benefit gala to celebrate the inauguration of Young's U.S.-China Cultural Institute and the 20th anniversary of Liao's organization, Asian Performing Arts of Colorado, was held on January 13. The gala followed a matinee performance of "The First Emperor" that was broadcast live in high-definition video at 150 theatres



Tan Dun (left) and Placido Domingo arriving at party for "The First Emperor." Photographer: David Chapman

in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Japan for an audience of 40,000 people. Over 500 people attended the gala dinner, which was held in New York's Chinatown, including the U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson; UN Undersecretary General from China, Chen Jian; Consul General Liu Biwei of the New York Chinese Consulate (hosted by the Committee of 100); along with honored "First Emperor" artists Tan, Tian, Domingo, choreographer and principal dancer Dou Dou Huang, and other cast members. Representing C-100 were Chairman **John Fugh**, **Anthony Sun** and **Carolyn Chin**.

## COMMITTEE FOUNDER IS BRIEFED BY C100 LEADERS, MEMBERS

At the request of the Committee's founder and Governor, **I.M. Pei**, C-100 Chairman **John L. Fugh**, Vice Chairs **Bob Gee** and **Jenny Ming**, members **Maya Lin** and **Calvin Tsao**, and Executive Director Alice Mong met in New York on February 27 to update Pei about the Committee's latest activities. Pei told the group how he conceived of C-100 as a way to give Chinese Americans a unified voice on U.S.-China relations in the aftermath of June 4, 1989. He was interested to hear about the Committee's plans for a Beijing conference on November 27 as well as its Washington, D.C. initiative, and encouraged C-100 to become better known in both the U.S. and China so that it could be more effective in carrying out its mission.



From left: Tsao, Lin, Ming, Pei, Fugh, Mong and Gee



## PROFILES IN GIVING

### EXTRAORDINARY PHILANTHROPY BY C100 MEMBERS

Filmmaker Sue Williams of Ambrica Productions has just finished shooting and is preparing to edit "Making It," the first part of her "longitudinal" documentary that will follow the lives of ten diverse members of China's Generation X as they navigate the next two decades. Williams says that without the "incredible financial and moral support" of **Anla Cheng** and **Mark Kingdon**, **Gina and David Chu**, and **Anthony and Lulu Wang**, the first film in this ambitious series could not have been made. The three C-100 couples are continuing their support by introducing Williams to potential funders both to complete the first film and allow follow-up documentaries to be released every four years through 2024. "Making It" will be broadcast on the PBS show, "Frontline,"



Anla Cheng



David Chu



Lulu C. Wang

in spring 2008, and tell "stories of success and desperation that put a human face on China's transformation," says Williams. Characters include an investor in computer technology, an environmental activist, and a migrant worker toiling 80 hours a week in a cell phone factory



David Lee

**Cecilia and David Lee**, Silicon Valley entrepreneurs and ardent philanthropists, were the major donors behind a PBS series that aired this January—"China from the Inside." The four parts of the series are: "Power and the People," "Women of the Country," "Shifting Nature," and "Freedom and Justice." Conveying a complexity and realism not often seen in documentaries about China, the series was co-produced by the Lees' local public broadcasting station, KQED, on whose board Cecilia has served. Lee said that because the documentary shows both the positive and the troubling aspects of Chinese life, funders were not easy to find. They were sympathetic to telling a more balanced story of China today, since their own travels have taken them far beyond the large cities where they do business into some of the poorest and most remote areas where his wife has gone to help

AIDS victims in Henan or blind people in Xinjiang. When Lee was reassured by Jonathan Lewis, the director, that the Chinese government had approved the filming, he had no qualms about offering support.



Adeline Yen Mah

Fulfilling a dream to give writers "a serene environment" and "the company of interesting people"—just as she would have wanted when writing her first book, *Falling Leaves*, **Adeline Yen Mah** and her husband Bob have transformed a six-bedroom house in Laguna Beach into a writers retreat. "Writers need to have a place that is uncluttered and aesthetically appealing to inspire what comes forth," Mah told the *Los Angeles Times* ("A Piece of Solitude, on Loan," October 19, 2006), and the view of Catalina Island from the elevated living room and a Zen garden set the scene. Both Mah and her husband retired from their work as a physician and microbiology professor to pursue art full time, she writing and he painting. Providing support to writers is a way of life for the Mahs, who spend their weekends in Laguna Beach entertaining writers at dinner. The writers-in-residence will be selected through the University of California at Irvine's Master of Fine Arts Writing Program.

A gift of \$1 million from East West Bank to The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens toward the first phase of construction of its Suzhou-style, classical Chinese Garden was announced on January 17. Huntington President Steven Koblak thanked **Dominic Ng**, chairman, president and CEO of East West Bank, which is headquartered in Pasadena near The Huntington. "This is a terrific partnership between two institutions deeply committed to celebrating the rich complexities of Chinese culture and the significant role the Chinese have played historically in California." Ng described the garden as a way "for the community to enjoy and learn more about Chinese art, culture, and history." East West Bank was an early supporter of the Chinese Garden, which broke ground in 2001, and has co-sponsored The Huntington's Chinese New Year festivals. The bank's name will be displayed at the Jade Ribbon Bridge, symbolizing the bridging of East and West.



Betty Lee Sung

**Betty Lee Sung**, a pioneering authority in Chinese American studies who now chairs CUNY's Asian American/Asian Research Institute (AAARI), has donated her treasured collection of Asian American materials to the Library of Congress, to form the core of a new Asian Pacific American Resources Center at the Library's Asian Division. The collection consists of approximately 600 books, as well as conference proceedings, yearbooks, directories, newspapers, and Asian American newsletters, dating from the early 20th century to 2005. Sung is helping plan a national conference in October which will examine the role of the Library of Congress in establishing such a national collection. She also is raising funds to buy new materials for the collection through a dedicated fund at AAARI—contact [Bettylee@sung.com](mailto:Bettylee@sung.com). **Jeremy Wu**, Vice President of the Asian Division Friends Society, and **Hwa-Wei Lee**, Asian Division Chief, encourage other C-100 members to donate their Asian American materials to the new Center. Contact Dr. Mi Chu at the Library of Congress—[mwie@loc.gov](mailto:mwie@loc.gov).



Jerry Yang

Stanford University was the incubator of Yahoo! Inc., the phenomenal Internet company co-founded by **Jerry Yang**, who famously dropped out of his doctoral program in electrical engineering to pursue his dream. Chief Yahoo! Yang and his wife, Akiko Yamazaki, who met in 1992 at a Stanford program in Kyoto, have pledged \$75 million to their alma mater for The Stanford Challenge, which aims to solve pressing social problems through interdisciplinary research and teaching. The \$118 million Environment and Energy Building now under construction will receive \$50 million of this gift, and \$5 million is allocated for the School of Medicine's Learning and Knowledge Center, with the remainder yet to be earmarked. "When The Stanford Challenge defined the environment and sustainability as a major fundraising initiative, it really hit home for Akiko and me," Yang told the *Stanford Report*. Yamazaki said, "It's great that we can contribute in some way, but at the same time, I don't think that we can afford not to do this. Otherwise, our child is not going to have a good world to live in."



## RECENT AWARDS TO C100 MEMBERS



Maya Lin

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, designed by **Maya Lin** in 1982 while still a Yale undergraduate,

won the 2007 Twenty-five Year Award of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for its "enduring significance" that has stood the test of time. In a ceremony that moved the audience to tears on February 9 at the AIA's Accent on Architecture Gala in the capital's National Building Museum, her Yale design teacher, Vincent J. Scully, Jr., gave tribute to Lin. *AIArchitect*: "[Scully] described how for so long Vietnam veterans were at best ignored and at worst scorned until 'the memorial opened America's heart for the dead and the survivors.' . . . Calling it a 'consummate work of Modern art . . . the wall is everything,' he said." In a *Newsweek* feature entitled "Where

Memory Endures," Cathleen McGuigan writes that "few public projects have had such a profound hold on our national consciousness, and it's cast a long shadow over the design of major memorials ever since. Lin created not just an object to revere but an evocative sense of place."

Author and activist **Helen Zia** has received the 2007 Justice in Action Award at the February 22 Chinese New Year Gala of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF). AALDEF Executive Director Margaret Fung said, "Helen Zia's tireless advocacy and insightful writing about the Asian American community have inspired us all to build a stronger movement for social justice." It was 25 years ago that Zia launched a nationwide campaign from her hometown of Detroit to fight for justice for Vincent Chin, a "hate crime" victim murdered by two unemployed white autoworkers in Detroit because they thought he was Japanese. Zia's role, chronicled in the film, "Who Killed Vincent Chin?", also helped give voice to the



Carol Jenkins, President of the Women's Media Center, presents Justice in Action award to Helen Zia.

Asian American movement. Her books include *Asian American Dreams* and *My Country Versus Me* (with Wen Ho Lee). When interviewed recently by Detroit's *Metro Times* about the killing of a Hmong teenager by four Detroit policemen, Zia said of the Chin case: "It took a huge community outcry to find out what happened, to get interviews of the eyewitnesses at the scene of the Vincent Chin case. It may take that kind of outcry here too."

## OF NOTE: MEMBERS MAKING NEWS



Iris Chang

**George Koo** reports that he, **Richard King**, **John Chen**, and C-100 media advisor Carol Edgar attended the January unveiling of a bronze bust of the late **Iris Chang** at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. "The bust is one of two donated by Beijing's China Foundation for Human Rights Development in honor of Chang's book, *The Rape of Nanking*, and her vigorous defense of human rights, truth and justice. The other statue of Chang stands at the Nanjing Massacre Museum." Before her death in 2004, Chang donated her research papers on Chinese American history and World War II to the Hoover Institution. "Lin Bocheng, vice chairman of the Foundation, said, 'I hope the memorial to Iris Chang will help uphold world peace and remind the world not to let history repeat itself.' Chang's father, Dr. Shau-jin Chang, thanked the Foundation and Hoover for this honor to the memory of his daughter. He noted that the library had always been Iris' favorite place." "Nanking," a documentary based on Chang's book and produced by Ted

Leonsis, is being screened at the Sundance (January) and Cannes (May) film festivals.



Victor Fung

On December 1, **Victor Fung** was elected Vice-Chairman of the world's largest business organization, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), which has member companies in 130 nations and is headquartered in Paris. The ICC represents the interests of world business at the United Nations and before national governments, while formulating global business standards and conducting international arbitration. Fung brings to ICC's leadership his experience as Chairman of Li & Fung Group in Hong Kong, where he also chairs the Hong Kong Airport Authority and Hong Kong-Japan Business Co-operation Committee. Both the ICC and another international organization co-chaired by Fung, the Evian Group based in Lausanne, Switzerland, promote an open global trading system. "With the Doha Trade round suspended and bilateral deals on the rise," said Fung, "there has never been a greater need for world business to speak

loudly and forcefully in favor of the multilateral trading system. I intend to reinforce this message during my term, and to work on raising ICC's visibility in the Asia Pacific region."



Jen-Hsun Huang

**Jen-Hsun Huang's** NVIDIA, a graphics chipmaker that competes (and cooperates) with the likes of Intel and A.M.D., was the leading semiconductor stock this past year, according to the *New York Times* "Sector Snapshot" on February 10, gaining a whopping 47.8% compared to a 7.7% loss for the average chipmaker. One reason might be NVIDIA's new chip, the GeForce 8800 GTX, which is the first to combine graphics with some microprocessing capability. Such a complex chip is bound to please NVIDIA computer game fans, but also prove useful in supercomputers and workstations. According to the *San Jose Mercury News*: "The backdrop to the announcement [in November 2006] is a looming battle over power inside the personal computer, as companies prepare to grab business from their rivals by making multi-function chips that handle tasks



## MEMBERS IN PRINT

### NEW PUBLICATIONS BY AND ABOUT C100 MEMBERS

#### "CHINA'S INNER-PARTY DEMOCRACY: TOWARD A SYSTEM OF 'ONE PARTY, TWO FACTIONS'"

By Cheng Li

*Jamestown Foundation China Brief*

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Cheng Li

**Cheng Li**, Professor, Hamilton College, and Fellow, Brookings Institution, describes the balance of power that has emerged between the two factions within the Chinese Communist Party—the elitists

and the populists—bringing about a kind of two-party system because of their very different backgrounds and priorities. "An interesting phenomenon is that in each of the six most important national leadership bodies within the PRC, such as the presidency and the Central Military Commission, the top two positions are split between one leader from each of the two different coalitions, creating a built-in system of checks and balances."

The elitists are led by ex-President Jiang Zemin and current Vice President Zeng Qinghong and are closely identified with coastal, highly developed China, especially Shanghai, and almost all work in finance, securities, foreign trade, real estate, or construction. The populists are led by President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao. They tend to come from less-privileged families, have spent years working in poorer areas, and

are strongly identified with the Communist Youth League.

Jiang's tenure brought "spectacular economic growth" along with environmental degradation and "a rapidly widening economic gap between rich and poor." Li focuses on Hu's priorities, which include seeking "environmentally friendly sustainable growth" and "a more balanced developmental policy" that puts more emphasis on regions and occupational classes that lost ground under Jiang.

Li predicts that factional politics are "unlikely to survive indefinitely, because societal forces are almost certain to demand increasing access to and representation in China's political process."

now performed by other chips." President and CEO Huang co-founded NVIDIA in 1993.

Two major projects integrating traditional cultural elements with I.M. Pei's bold architectural style are nearing completion in Qatar and Washington, D.C. In Qatar, the Museum of Islamic Arts, now being constructed in Doha, has been in the works for about seven years and is expected to open by the end of 2007. Pei visited the construction site late last year and told Trade Arabia that he designed the museum after visiting a number of Islamic sites and was most influenced by the Ibn Toulon mosque in Egypt. In Washington, Pei is working with his sons on what will become the capital's largest embassy complex, for the People's Republic of China. It is to open before the Beijing Olympics in 2008 and is anticipated to be "one of the most important diplomatic buildings in the world, architecturally and politically," according to *The Washington Diplomat*. Located in the new International Drive complex between Reno Road and Connecticut Avenue, NW, the Chinese Embassy buildings will encompass more than 250,000 sq. feet, far more than the other new embassies in the area, which are generally 100,000 sq. feet or under. The design is a contemporary interpretation of traditional Chinese architectural principles.



**Hao Jiang Tian**  
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Metropolitan Opera bass **Hao Jiang Tian** is performing three Chinese roles this winter and spring, beginning with General Wang Jong in the "The First Emperor," **Tan Dun's** operatic spectacle at the Met that starred Plácido Domingo and was directed by Zhang Yimou. Interviewed by the *Christian Science Monitor*, Tian said that this role "gave him 'a chance to turn my eyes to Chinese history,' an interest denied him by the Cultural Revolution," referring to his teenage years in China spent working in a factory rather than going to school. Attendees of the C-100 New York conference will have a chance to see Tian at the Met, singing the part of Timur, the exiled Tartar King in "Turandot," which Puccini set in Beijing. This July, Tian sings the title role in the world premiere of "Poet Li Bai" at the Central City Opera House in Denver, a production commissioned by Asian Performing Arts of Colorado, the arts organization founded by Tian's wife, Martha Liao. This one-act opera was written by one of China's most famous composers, Guo Wenjing, and dramatizes the life of the great romantic Tang poet in a dialogue on a moonlit houseboat with his alter egos,

Wine and Moon, sung by tenor Zhou Hao and soprano Ying Huang.

**Lulu C. Wang**, a trustee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, welcomed 800 guests on January 16 to celebrate the museum's American Wing, now undergoing extensive renovation to almost double the number of galleries and enhance access to the public. Wang, with her husband, Anthony, have been long-time supporters of the American Wing and endowed a Curator of American Decorative Arts in perpetuity, allowing the museum to mount such ambitious exhibitions as the recent show featuring stained glass, furniture and art from Louis Tiffany's country estate. The January event inaugurated the new Classical Galleries with works in all media from 1810 to 1840 that embody the American love for neoclassical forms and themes. At Wellesley College, another of Wang's philanthropic beneficiaries, the Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center, built in 2005 and now dubbed "The Lulu," recently won the coveted Harleston Parker Medal awarded by the Boston Society of Architects (BSA) for the "the most beautiful piece of architecture, building, monument, or structure" built within the last ten years in Greater Boston.



## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

### RECENT APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC POSITIONS



Morris Chang

**Morris Chang**, the chairman of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. (TSMC), represented Chinese Taipei at the November APEC Economic Leaders summit in Hanoi, appointed by Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian as his special envoy. An American citizen with numerous prestigious positions in the U.S., including advisor to the New York Stock Exchange and Life Member of MIT Corporation, member of the National Academy of Engineering, and founder of the world's largest contract chipmaker, which is currently expand-

ing production in China, Chang was asked by President Chen to take all opportunities to speak with leaders of other APEC member countries. Chang told the *South China Morning Post* that he had frequent conversations with China's President Hu Jintao and U.S. President George W. Bush. Among Chang's missions was asserting Taiwan's leading role in developing Southeast Asian economies. In a January speech at Taiwan's National Chengchi University, Chang contended that Taiwan's government needs to further loosen investment and trade restrictions with China in order to truly open Taiwan globally.

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## "BEIJING ON THE POTOMAC"

By Neil King Jr.  
*Washingtonian*  
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... perhaps it's no surprise that in D.C. and the heartland, the span of public opinion toward China borders on schizophrenic. Two years ago, the Committee of 100, a group made up of Chinese Americans, released a poll on American attitudes toward China. Asked their impression of China, the general public was generally positive: six in ten said they viewed China "favorably." Business leaders came in at 63 percent. But on Capitol Hill, eight in ten staffers held unfavorable views. More than a third of those staffers considered China a "serious military threat" to U.S. national security.

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONTRIBUTING TO THE GREATER GOOD

### ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Doreen Woo Ho

As President of Wells Fargo Bank's Consumer Credit Group, **Doreen Woo Ho** has not only financial clout but great influence in the business community. Woo Ho applied both assets to helping found the only national scholarship fund to assist talented and financially needy Asian Pacific students with their higher education goals, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF). She took a leadership role in recruiting major corporations to offer support and in helping to take over the administration of the Gates Millennium Scholars. As a result, this year, APIASF will be responsible for administering about \$13 million in scholarships. APIASF is lucky to have Woo Ho as both Vice President and Chair of the Audit Committee.

Founded in 2003, APIASF currently incorporates two different scholarship programs. With funds raised from major corporations such as Wells Fargo, Wal-Mart and AT&T, the APIASF Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors for their freshman year at college or a vocational school. Based on both merit and need, in 2006 the scholarships went to 200 students

from a broad range of Asian ethnic groups, with about 40 percent going to members of ethnic groups with lower than average college graduation rates. APIASF also administers the Gates Millennium Scholars program for API students, which awards full scholarships for a student's entire college career, totaling about \$12 million a year. For more information about the Fund, go to [www.apiasf.org](http://www.apiasf.org).

APIASF board members have attended C-100 conferences, and the organization hopes to co-sponsor the Committee's mentoring session for college students and young professionals at the 2008 annual conference on the West Coast.

### CHINESE MATERIALS SERVICE CENTER



Wang Chi

American libraries and individuals should soon have much greatly expanded access to scholarly research materials and reference services in China, thanks to a recent grant by the U.S.-China Policy Foundation (UCSPF) to the National Library of China in Beijing. The agreement to establish a Chinese Materials Service Center was signed by **Wang Chi**, the Foundation founder and chair and former Head of the Chinese/Korean Section of the

Library of Congress, and National Library director Zhan Furui last September and will be inaugurated this March.

Like the Library of Congress, China's National Library is a comprehensive collection of everything published in China and one of the largest libraries in the world. What's more, its extensive staff of researchers and librarians can also offer cataloguing, purchasing, photocopying, and reference services to patrons abroad. Prices for services and books will reflect the Center's status as a non-profit organization, and USCPF will be the contact point for libraries joining the project. Access to the Center's services will be through a website. Go to [www.uscpf.org](http://www.uscpf.org) for the link.

Wang says that there are about 100 libraries in the U.S. with strong Chinese language collections that will likely participate in the project, but that individuals will also be able to use the Center to buy Chinese books online, ask questions of the National Library's reference staff, or track down a copy of a rare newspaper. Representing the Library of Congress, Wang visited China in 1972 to establish government to government exchanges with the National Library. However, the agreement establishing the Center is the first that the National Library has signed with a private American organization.

## WHO'S WHO ON THE C100 STAFF



**Yong Lu,**  
Research Director

Yong Lu, C-100's new Research Director, brings to the staff a prodigious range of experience in Sino-

American relations, journalism, and economic and political issues gained in both the U.S. and China. She comes to C-100 from several years working as a Research Associate with the China Program of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Apart from assisting senior scholars on research in such areas as energy policy and China's political transformation, Yong launched Carnegie's first Chinese language newsletter, "Carnegie China Insight," for Chinese policy-makers on international affairs and single-handedly wrote, translated, produced, and marketed the publication. She was also a researcher for the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

While earning a B.A. in International Communications at Fudan University in Shanghai, Yong worked as a market researcher for the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, a news correspondent for Xinhua News Agency and Shanghai Television, and a special Time Warner/National Committee on U.S.-China Relations intern for CNN in Atlanta, coordinating coverage after the September 11 attacks. In 2002, Yong came to the U.S. to earn an M.A. in International Relations at Yale University.

As Research Director, Yong's first major project is a U.S.-China attitude survey to be carried out in both countries and unveiled at C-100's Greater China conference this fall.

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## EXTENDED EXCERPTS FROM "CLASS DIVIDE IN CHINESE-AMERICANS' CHARITY"

By **Nina Bernstein**  
*The New York Times*  
January 20, 2007

These days, in an era of shrunken public dollars and booming philanthropy, as universities and museums showcase multimillion-dollar gifts by Chinese-Americans, . . . [there is] a divide between the explosive growth of Chinese-American wealth and the unmet needs of a new generation of Chinese immigrants who have streamed to [New York City] since the 1990s.

In 1949, when the founding of Israel served as a unifying event for many Jews, the rise of Communist China further polarized the Chinese in America, noted **Henry Tang**, 65, a founder of the Committee of 100, an organization of prominent Americans of Chinese ancestry.



**Henry Tang**

For people in his generation, Mr. Tang said, loyalties and outlook differ radically depending on where and when they trace their Chinese roots. There is little commonality between, say, the children of the wealthy elite who left Shanghai before World War II and the descendants of Cantonese peasants who migrated to the United States in the 19th century and were ghettoized by anti-Chinese laws. The differences can be even sharper, he said, for those raised in Hong Kong, Taiwan or a rural province of mainland China.

"When you say, 'Donate money to help the Chinese,' " Mr. Tang explained, "they're conflicted that their monies will not be helping people of their own. Like, some people will say, 'I grew up in Taiwan, and you're asking me to

help these people from Fujian' " — the coastal province that has generated the latest wave of immigrants, both legal and illegal.

"Others will say, 'I'm a Hong Kong person, and your mission here is to serve people from everywhere else.' Or you may get an A.B.C. — American-born Chinese — saying, 'Well, I really want to help the people in downtown San Francisco.' "



**Charles B. Wang**

Exceptions tend to underscore the importance of individual connections. Many of those interviewed cited the way a clinic that had been established in Chinatown by volunteers in 1971 became the **Charles B. Wang** Community Health Center. It was renamed for Mr. Wang, the co-founder of Computer Associates, after he gave \$1 million for its expansion in 1999.

But initially he rejected the clinic's application for money, recalled Marie Lam, one of the founding volunteers and the board chairwoman. Mr. Wang, the donor as well of a \$52 million Asian and Asian-American cultural center on the Stony Brook campus of the State University of New York, changed his mind after a mutual friend intervened, she said.

Mr. Wang said he did not recall the initial request from the health center, "but was pleased to learn more about it and what they were doing, and how my donations could make a significant difference."

*Read the full article online at [www.committee100.org](http://www.committee100.org)*

## MAKING MOVES | C100 MEMBERS IN TRANSITION



**Michael C. Lin**

In December, **Michael C. Lin** retired from a thirty-year career as a biomedical scientist with the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health and stepped into a new job as executive director of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA). OCA, with 80

chapters and 10,000 members, is dedicated to advancing social justice and the political and economic well-being of Asian Americans. In January, OCA unveiled its National Center for APA Leadership on Dupont Circle in Washington, D.C. The building is home not just for OCA but will eventually house a coalition of Asian American organizations. Lin served as chair of OCA's National Center Campaign, and, with leaders including Ginny Gong and

Claudine Cheng, helped OCA become the first national APA organization with a permanent home in the capital. Lin's membership in OCA goes back more than 20 years, and he was OCA National President from 1995 to 1998, when he led a national voter registration campaign with OCA and 18 other Asian American groups, as well as greatly expanded funding for college students to intern at agencies and organizations in D.C.

FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
**S. ALICE MONG**

When I was beginning my working life, my first boss and mentor Nora, still one of my best friends, offered this advice to me: never burn your bridges. Recently, I have come to see how her wise counsel applies beyond business and career to what we at the Committee of 100 are doing. Our mission is to bridge the gaps that exist within our community, between Chinese Americans and other Americans, and between the people of the U.S. and China. We as a community may not actually burn our bridges with others, yet we often put obstacles in the way to prevent others from joining us or working with us. Sometimes we erect "tollbooths" to let only those who pay the right price or carry the right credentials cross into our circle. While we may preach inclusiveness, we may not practice it.

Consider for example the intramural debates we have about the Chinese American identity. Of late, there has also been much hand wringing over whether Chinese Americans give enough back to our community or prefer to support mainstream causes or institutions that attract more attention. We tend to be quick to criticize but far less willing to appreciate and honor the remarkable accomplishments and generosity of successful members of our community. We can often be too inward-looking, failing to reach out to other Americans to promote understanding. And we are typically reluctant to assert ourselves, express our concerns, exchange ideas, or cooperate with other communities on projects of common interest.

By no means is this attitude found only among Chinese Americans. The ambivalence of some African Americans to the presidential candidacy of Senator Barack Obama indicates that their community may be similarly conflicted. There are no easy ways to address this insularity and to achieve an authentic sense of community, sincere kinship and responsible citizenship. The solution is openness—to other cultures, peoples and faiths; to new ideas, practices and outlooks. Keep the lines of communication wide open. Indeed, the best advice is what Nora told me years ago: never burn your bridges.



# GOING GREEN

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Linda Fisher

environmental organization and how they are helping China "go green." The giant chemical company, DuPont, recently pressed the U.S. government to introduce a cap on carbon emissions, and in China plans to implement ambitious sustainability goals in its Chinese facilities, which make electronic and photovoltaic materials among other products. Speaking at the conference will be Linda Fisher, DuPont Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer. In terms of economies of scale, as Wal-Mart goes green, China will benefit, as the company's largest supplier and one of the 16 countries with Wal-Mart Stores. Wal-Mart International's Senior Vice President and CFO, Wan Ling Martello, will discuss how the retailer is showcasing environmentally-friendly products in its Chinese stores, as well as taking much bolder steps in the production process to "remove non-renewable energy from the products the company sells." Ashok Gupta is Air and Energy Program Director for the Natural Resources Defense Council, a premier American environmental organization that has worked in China for more than a decade. NRDC's ten-year action plan for China aims "to avert environmental disaster by halving China's growth in energy demand, halving mercury consumption, and shifting production to clean energy technologies."



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