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HONOREES TO BE FETED AT 16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK CITY

The 16th Annual Conference of the Committee of 100 will be the occasion to recognize and honor four individuals for exceptional contributions in the fields of journalism, public service, business, and philanthropy. Awards will be presented at a dazzling gala dinner held under the stained glass dome of Gotham Hall on Friday, April 20. The annual gala brings together C-100 members, sponsors and friends to celebrate and support the Committee's commitment to improving U.S.-China relations and to the full participation of Chinese Americans in American life.



John Mack

Business Excellence — John Mack

In 2005, John Mack became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Morgan Stanley, one of the world's top financial services companies, returning to the firm where he spent nearly 30 years. Among foreign firms, Morgan Stanley leads the China investment banking, direct investment, and property market. Mack ran the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange on September 28 (with new C-100 member and head of Morgan Stanley China, **Wei Christianson**, at his side) to celebrate the initiation of the Morgan Stanley China A Share Fund, the first U.S. fund allowing foreign investors to participate in the domestic Chinese stock market. Another example of Mack's leadership is Morgan Stanley's recent plan to invest \$3 billion in the carbon trading market and in new energy projects to help combat global warming.



Walter Wang

Philanthropy — Walter Wang

Walter Wang's philanthropy has been bold and proactive, his gifts generating a cascade of generosity from other donors. In October,

Wang was honored by the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center (ADARC) for his early and major donation for the China AIDS Initiative, allowing expansion of its pioneering programs to slow the AIDS epidemic in China. Wang and his wife Shirley were the lead donors for the 2002 Bill Moyers documentary, "Becoming American: The Chinese Experience," and another donation made possible a nationwide program to educate teachers how to use the television series in the classroom. Wang is President and CEO of J-M Manufacturing, a building products manufacturer and a source of more of Wang's philanthropy, including donations of building materials for Habitat for Humanity homes and appliances for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. In June, Wang received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.



Joseph Kahn

Headline Award — Joseph Kahn

Beijing bureau chief for the New York Times, Joseph Kahn, is known for his uncompromising investigative coverage of China's deepest problems and biggest challenges. Kahn and his colleague, Jim Yardley, won the

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2006 Pulitzer Prize in International Reporting for "their ambitious stories on ragged justice in China as the booming nation's legal system evolves." In 2005, World Hunger Year gave Kahn and Yardley the Harry Chapin Media Award for their series, "The Great Divide," on the effect of growing inequality in Chinese society and the emergence of mass protests. Kahn's series on "The World's Sweatshop," on labor conditions in China's export factories, received the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award for international reporting, given for outstanding reporting on the lives of the disadvantaged and known as the "Poor People's Pulitzer." In 1994, Kahn was part of a Dallas Morning News team that won the Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting for a series about violence against women.

JOHN L. FUGH CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE OF 100



With Democrats taking control of Congress on January 4, what are the implications for U.S.-China relations? China is not an easy issue for Congress. The Republicans have been most concerned with China's military build-up, trade, and human rights. The Democrats are likely to reverse that order. Their hot button issues will be human rights and trade and economic issues. The rhetoric about the threat of China's military build-up is likely to be less strident.

Our initial Capitol Hill meetings with both Democratic and Republican staff have revealed a common thread. They all agree that Congress, at both the Member and staff levels, does not know enough about China. They readily admit that negative perceptions of China are formed on the basis of superficial information and that these views become hardened over time. This situation affirms the need for and the importance of the recently launched C-100 Public Engagement and Education Initiative. We continue to support this initiative, now more than ever.

In my opinion, the Democratic leadership should consider adopting a new, progressive China policy, as China is not the same country that it was the last time they held power more than a decade ago. China has become far more powerful economically and is a more sophisticated diplomatic actor. It has significantly improved its global image. Over the past decade, China has quietly extended its influence on the world stage through support of international peacekeeping operations. It is now the 13th largest contributor of U.N. peacekeepers, providing troops, police and military observers to ten nations, mostly in African countries. In addition, China plays a constructive role with respect to vital U.S. national security interests, such as North Korea, Iran and the war on terrorism. China's stronger global image, it would appear, makes it harder for the United States to build an alliance against it on any single issue.

A progressive China policy does not mean the abandonment or even relaxation of traditional liberal values such as human rights, labor, and environmental issues in China. These values can be achieved through continuous dialogue with Beijing on a long-term basis. China can be chastised for its anti-reform policies, but, due to its growing power, cannot be contained or thoroughly sanctioned. We must be patient and steadfast in pushing China toward reforms. In this regard, Chinese leadership often equates human rights to the fulfillment of people's basic needs. There is something to this argument. In less than 30 years, some 300 million Chinese were lifted out of poverty—faster than any time in the history of the world.

The Democrats are poised to promote a domestic agenda that emphasizes the preservation of American jobs, boosting exports, and "fair trade." They will push China for more currency flexibility and respect for intellectual property rights. These are laudable goals. In doing so, however, the Democrats must realize that the U.S. and China are tightly interconnected on economic issues. Beijing now has some \$1 trillion in U.S. dollar reserves, making it a major creditor. Any significant downturn in the Chinese economy, including a downturn engendered by significant trade restrictions, would be harmful to U.S. interests. It is important that the United States pursue a pro-engagement policy with China. To this end, I am pleased to note that Henry Paulson, Treasury Secretary, has co-chaired the first meeting of Strategic Economic Dialogue between the U.S. and China in December. This meeting, held in Beijing, was also attended by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and several Cabinet members. We hope the meeting lays the foundation for further progress.

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C100 MISSION TO CHINA ENGAGES CHINESE LEADERS

This November, Committee Chairman **John L. Fugh**, escorted by C-100 Public Affairs Director An Ping, made a fast-paced trip to Shanghai, Hangzhou and Beijing, joined by many members along the way and meeting Chinese from government, media, think tanks as well as Americans active in China.

Among the officials Fugh met are a few considered likely to ascend in the leadership after the next Communist Party Congress, particularly the Party Secretary of Zhejiang Province, Xi Jinping. A newly emerging group of political and business leaders comes from the returned student population, as Fugh discovered upon meeting Han Qide, a Vice Chairman of the National People's Congress but also the head of the Western Returned Students Association, whose members studied in North America and Europe, and Lu Yucheng, a former Deputy Mayor of Beijing, who now chairs the Chinese Overseas-Educated Scholars Association. They would very much like to collaborate with C-100 on future events in China.

Much of the trip was devoted to the Committee's intention to hold a major event in Beijing in 2007, which will be organized by C-100's Greater China members and include U.S.-based members as participants.

Fugh was able to meet with a number of members—in Shanghai, **Daniel Chao, Mei Wei Cheng, George Koo, Carter Tseng, and Shirley Young**, and in Beijing, **Wei Christianson and Kai-Fu Lee**. He also met the 2007 C-100 Headline Award winner, Joseph Kahn, New York Times China Bureau Chief,



John L. Fugh holding gift from Zhejiang Party Secretary Xi Jinping.

and John Holden, who recently served as president of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. Google China CEO Lee invited a group of journalists from such publications as *Guangming Daily* and *People's Daily* to interview Fugh, whose personal story as well as his description of the Committee of 100 evoked much interest.

In Shanghai, **Ronnie Chan** hosted a lunch for the Los Angeles Urban League delegation to China, and Fugh and Young met with them as well. This high-level delegation had been briefed by C-100 members in Los Angeles before their trip. Also in Shanghai, Fugh presented findings from the Committee's survey, "American Attitudes toward China," at the Fourth Overseas Chinese Business Leaders Forum hosted by *Global View Magazine*

(founded by **Charles Kao**). Tseng and Chan also spoke at this major international meeting.

A poignant side trip to Hangzhou for Fugh began with lunch at the state guest house beside West Lake hosted by Zhejiang Party Secretary Xi. Hangzhou was the birthplace of the man whom Fugh called "Grandpa" when he was growing up in Beijing - U.S. Ambassador John Leighton Stuart, who also

founded Yenching University (now Beijing University). Stuart was a long-time associate of Fugh's father in China and lived with the Fugh family from his return to the U.S. in 1949 until his death in 1962. Fugh and his family had already brought back to China a number of Stuart's possessions, and on this trip, Fugh was carrying one of the most treasured, a rare key to the city of Hangzhou that had been given to Stuart in the 1940s. Throngs of people were on hand to witness Fugh presenting the key to the small museum that had been established in the old Stuart family home. The story of the close relationship between the Fugh family and Stuart fascinated the Chinese, and articles on the topic appeared in the popular *Sanlian Life Weekly* and the official-use-only *Reference News*.

LANDMARK TRANSITION: C100 CULTURAL INSTITUTE BECOMES U.S.-CHINA CULTURAL INSTITUTE

As many members and friends of the C-100 know, C-100 co-founder and governor, **Shirley Young**, has had a life-time commitment to the performing arts and has helped lead multiple C-100 programs that have celebrated and promoted artistic exchanges between China and the United States.

In recent years, those efforts have taken on a life of their own and are now internationally recognized arts programs that involve prominent artists, producers and directors from

around the world. C-100 and Shirley both recognized that these efforts deserved their own unique and dedicated cultural organization. To that end, C-100 and Shirley worked diligently during 2006 to spin off C-100's artistic and cultural programming into a new and independent New York-based non-profit entity, the U.S.-China Cultural Institute, which will now work closely with C-100 but have its own board, officers and funding to be focused entirely on such programs.

John Fugh, C-100's chairman, noted, "We are absolutely delighted that Shirley's continued dedication to the performing arts between China and the United States has found this new vehicle to serve the peoples of both nations. The Committee of 100 may from time to time collaborate with the U.S.-China Cultural Institute whenever our mutual agendas overlap, so that the artistic community's historic ties to C-100 can also be maintained and extended."

-Nelson Dong



C100 IN ACTION



Mentoring in Shanghai—Mei Wei Cheng, CEO of Ford Motor (China).

MENTORING IN THE U.S. AND CHINA

Committee of 100 members led mentoring sessions in San Jose, Tianjin, and Shanghai last summer and fall.

On November 18 in San Jose, C-100 members **Milton Chang**, **Kenneth Fong**, and **Albert Yu** joined with members of the Monte Jade Science and Technology Association to mentor 31 young Silicon Valley professionals from a variety of fields, most with advanced graduate degrees. The C-100 mentors are all now venture capitalists, having amassed decades of experience as high-ranking executives in large high tech companies. Much of the discussion focused on the progression of their careers and which high tech sectors would grow the fastest.

Tianjin area graduate students met two Committee members, **Charlie Sie** and **Carter Tseng**, at a C-100 sponsored mentoring session held at Nankai University on September 29. The 40 mentees majored in computer science, management, finance, chemistry, and environmental science. They came from Tianjin University, Tianjin University of Commerce, and Nankai. Sie is a retired Xerox executive and Chairman of biotech start-up, Aviva Antibody, Inc., and Tseng is founder of Microtek and Chairman of the Little Dragon Foundation. In June, Sie and his brother, the founder of Starz Encore, **John Sie**, led a mentoring session open to all Nankai students, which explored the different mindsets of scientists and managers. Attendees included two C-100 Leadership Scholars.

On November 11, the C-100 China delegation held a large mentoring session in Shanghai

with 100 students from the China Europe International Business School and the MBA programs of Fudan University and Shanghai Jiaotong University, and included four C-100 Leadership Scholarship winners. Mentors were **Mei Wei Cheng**, Chairman and CEO of Ford Motor (China); **George Koo**, Director, Chinese Services Group, Deloitte & Touche; **Carter Tseng**; and **Shirley**

Young, Chair of the U.S.-China Cultural Institute. Joining the C-100 mentors were two other former China CEOs, David Dan (Intel) and Jia-Bin Duh (Cisco Systems). C-100 Chairman **John L. Fugh** spoke at the conclusion of the two-hour session, the highlight of which was interactive small group discussion with individual mentors.

COMMITTEE OF 100 REACHES OUT TO EISENHOWER FELLOWS

In keeping with C-100's new focus on communication with opinion leaders in the U.S. and China, Committee members on both coasts participated in the recent visit of the Eisenhower Fellows from Northeast Asia. Eisenhower Fellowships have been given since 1953 to promising leaders from around the world, chosen for their potential to rise to great influence within their countries. This group included twelve Fellows from China and Taiwan, among them a deputy director general from SINOPEC,

China's state-run oil company; a legislator from Taiwan; the editor-in-chief of Business Weekly in Taipei; and a People's Liberation Army colonel. The Committee plans to maintain an ongoing relationship with Eisenhower Fellowships, given the common bridge-building missions of both groups.

When the 22 Fellows arrived in Philadelphia to kick off their two-month program, greeting them were C-100 Chairman **John L. Fugh** and executive director Alice Mong. In New York on October 6, members hosted a Moon Festival dinner for the Greater China fellows, with **Lulu Wang** introducing the Committee. Other members attending were **David Chang**, **Anla Cheng**, **Clarence Kwan**, **Walter Wang**, **Alice Young**, and **John Young**. As the Fellows made their way through the U.S., they were greeted by Committee members in Washington, D.C., Detroit, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Mong and 2007 Conference co-chair Gina Chu attended the final event of the visit, a November 15-16 conference on global competitiveness keynoted by Colin Powell, who chairs Eisenhower Fellowships.

COMMITTEE MEETS CHINA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Described by James Traub in *The New York Times Magazine* as "one of the U.N.'s most adroit diplomats," Ambassador Wang Guangya's profile is rising, along with that of his country. On October 31, C-100 Chairman **John L. Fugh** and New York members **Anla Cheng** and **Lulu Wang**, along with conference co-chair Gina Chu, C-100 Executive Director Alice Mong and Public Affairs Director An Ping, hosted Ambassador Wang for lunch and broad-ranging discussion about China's role in international diplomacy. Wang acknowledged growing international expectations about China's active participation in resolving some of the world's most contentious issues, including nuclear proliferation in Iran and North Korea.



Eisenhower Fellows with Alice Young at a Moon Festival Party hosted by the Committee in New York.

C100 NEW MEMBERS



Wing T. Chao

Since he joined Disney in 1972, **Wing T. Chao's** career has been spent "creating spaces and places for millions of people to enjoy." As Vice Chairman of Asia Pacific Development and Executive Vice President of Master Planning, Architecture and Design and Walt Disney Imagineering, Chao oversees the conception, design, construction, and operation of theme parks, hotels, restaurants, planned communities, and even 83,000 ton cruise ships for Walt Disney Parks and Resorts in the U.S., Hong Kong, Paris, and Tokyo. He works with a team of architects and 2,000 Imagineers to dream up and bring to fruition "story-based" hotels and attractions. Along the way, Chao has become skilled in the art of cultural diplomacy. Twenty years ago, he was a key negotiator with the French govern-

ment over the Disneyland Paris Resort, and he played a vital role in talks with the Hong Kong government for the first Disneyland in Greater China, which opened in fall 2005. Born in China, Chao studied architecture at UC Berkeley and urban design and real estate development at Harvard and MIT. Apart from involvement in Disney's charitable activities, Chao is also active in the Urban Land Institute, a research and education organization for land use and real estate development, and is on the board of the Ryman Arts foundation which provides scholarships and art instruction to talented young artists in Southern California.



Leroy Chiao

A veteran of four space missions encompassing 229 days and 36 hours of Extra Vehicular Activity, **Leroy Chiao** left NASA in 2005 after fifteen years as an Astronaut. Although Chiao was the first Asian American and ethnic Chinese to walk in space and to command a space crew, he admits that at the time, he spoke Russian far better than Mandarin (he has since brought his Chinese back up to speed!). Expedition-10 Commander Chiao and his Russian co-pilot spoke mostly Russian aboard the Soyuz rocket and during the six and a half month mission to the International Space Station. Expedition-10, which took off and landed in Kazakhstan, was Chiao's last mission, but not the end of his space career. He is an executive vice president of Excalibur Almaz, an entrepreneurial venture to refurbish Soviet-era spacecraft for space tourism and research.

As the Rabon Distinguished Chair in engineering at Louisiana State University, Chiao is establishing an aeronautics research program for LSU and developing academic exchanges with China. In September, Chiao became the first American to visit China's Astronaut Research and Training Center, the beginning of what he hopes will be future cooperation between American and Chinese civil astronaut programs. Chiao is also helping the Heinlein Prize Trust organize an all-Asia competition for team projects in commercial space flight. With a Ph.D. in chemical engineering, Chiao's first career was as a research engineer at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Hexcel Corporation.

WHO'S WHO ON THE C100 STAFF



Frank Liu

Frank Liu, IT Administrator

One of the most challenging jobs at the Committee is the all-around computer tech specialist, as information technology becomes ever more central to running the organization. The new IT Administrator is Frank Liu, who just received his bachelor's degree from Stony Brook University in computer science and applied mathematics and statistics. A math wiz, he won second place in the New York City Math Team contest, and made the Dean's list. Liu is from Fuzhou and came to New York City in 1998.

TALKING POINTS: C100 MEMBERS ON THE LECTURE CIRCUIT

Shirley Young, Chair of the U.S.-China Cultural Institute and a former General Motors Vice President, spoke on "The Power of Culture in International Relations" at a forum to discuss how China can expand its "soft power" through effective cross-cultural communication, sponsored by China's State Council Information Office on August 31. American views of China, as documented by the C-100 opinion survey in 2005, are far more positive than a decade ago, said Young, but "a significant percentage of Americans see China as a potential economic threat and to a lesser extent as a potential military threat." One of Young's suggestions was that China should "leverage occasions of high media interest to provide new content." The 2008 Olympics as well as the 2007 Special Olympics in Shanghai present an unparalleled opportunity to "show the world a human face for China."

C100 NEW MEMBERS



Wei Christianson

Tagged by the *New York Times* as among the “Chinese-born star bankers” and by the *Wall Street Journal* as among “The 50 Women to Watch,” **Wei Christianson** is a Managing Director and CEO of Morgan Stanley China. Christianson, operating out of Beijing, oversees Morgan Stanley’s expansive China business, including investment banking, property, fixed income, credit card, asset management, direct investment, and commodities. Christianson’s investment banking career only began in 1997, but she had already learned firsthand what it took to privatize a Chinese state-owned company. With a degree from Columbia University’s law school, Christianson worked at the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission from 1992 to 1997, helping the Hong Kong securities market prepare for the first batch of public, overseas listings by mainland Chinese companies. Since 1998,

when John Mack first recruited her to Morgan Stanley, and later as Chairman of China for Credit Suisse First Boston and Citigroup, Christianson has executed an impressive list of initial public offerings for Chinese state-owned companies, including China Life, Sinopec, Sinotrans and China Oilfield Services. She also was involved in the record-breaking \$4.2 billion purchase of PetroKhazakstan by China National Petroleum Corporation, among her many M&A deals. Christianson’s improbable path from English major at Beijing Languages University in 1982 to one of the highest-ranking executives at Morgan Stanley today (and mother of three) makes her a valued mentor, especially for women working in the male-oriented securities business.



Kai-Fu Lee

After a year as President of Google China, **Kai-Fu Lee** has built a team of 300 people, including 100 of China’s brightest young software engineers who have the challenging task of making Google China’s top search engine. To do that, Lee is bringing “Google culture” to his research and development centers in Beijing and Taipei, encouraging his employees to speak up, solve their own problems, and work on their favorite projects—and providing a gym and chef-cooked meals to keep them fit and happy. Lee brought to Google, the world’s largest search engine, more than just his expertise on speech-recognition technology and his success as a Microsoft Corporate Vice President and the founder of Microsoft Research Asia,

but also his celebrity status among Chinese youth, Google’s biggest market. “Be Your Personal Best,” one of two books Lee has written in Chinese, sold 600,000 copies in its first year. Lee’s intention is “to help young Chinese grow up with a proper understanding of success and to learn how to combine the best of east and west as they do so.” Mentoring on the largest scale, Lee reaches several hundred thousand young people a year with his website, www.kai-fulee.com and lectures at Chinese universities. The proceeds from book sales are donated toward improving Chinese education, and Lee is now setting up a fund in the U.S. to help Chinese university students.



Cheng Li

The William R. Kenan Professor of Government at Hamilton College, **Cheng Li** is a prolific author and commentator on China, especially on leadership politics. This year, Li is a Visiting Fellow at the newly-established John L. Thornton China Center of the Brookings Institution, where he is working on “future-orientated” projects, updating his earlier research and including recommendations for U.S.-China policy. Following up on his 2001 book, *China’s Leaders: The New Generation*, Li is doing extensive work on the 5th generation of leaders born after 1949, who are expected to emerge during the 17th Party Congress in 2007, a group more dominated by lawyers than engineers. The role of returnees in Chinese politics is another focus, given Li’s book, *Bridging Minds Across the Pacific: The*

Sino-U.S. Educational Exchange 1978-2003. Li is also studying the rapid rise of Chinese telecom firms like Huawei as aggressive competitors in the global marketplace. His analyses can be found online from such sources as the China Leadership Monitor, and he is a frequent commentator for the BBC Today Show and other news shows. *Rediscovering China: Dynamics and Dilemmas of Reform*, Li’s first book, was “some of the most fascinating reportage available on China in the throes of reform,” according to Orville Schell. Li is a director of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations and an advisor to the Congressional U.S.-China Working Group.

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Washington SyCip

The one-man accounting business that **Washington SyCip** founded in 1946 in his war-torn hometown of Manila and retired from fifty years later, is now Asia's largest accounting and management consulting firm and but one of SyCip's legacies. The SVG Group quickly overtook foreign accounting firms in the Philippines by hiring local people and training them to international standards. In 1962, SVG began its expansion in Asia, using the same principles. Appreciating the need for an excellent graduate business school in Asia—SyCip had been a doctoral student in business at Columbia University in 1941—he founded the internationally accredited Asian Institute of Management in 1968 and still serves as Chairman. SyCip became an American citizen by virtue of his military service in World War II, as a Japanese code-

breaker in the U.S. Army, describing the work as much like auditing—"You look for clues." SyCip is revered in the Philippines as a business icon, but his stature among American and European business leaders and policy-makers may even be greater. Currently, SyCip sits on the international advisory boards of American International Group and the Council on Foreign Relations; the Board of Overseers of Columbia's Graduate School of Business; the Harvard University Asia Center Advisory Committee; and the boards of the Asia Society and China Institute. SyCip is a member of many Asian corporate boards, Chinese included, and, with his characteristic concern for those at the lower end of the financial spectrum, was an advisor to the International Year of Microcredit 2005.



Benjamin H. Wu.

A highly visible Asian American public servant in Republican politics since 1988, **Benjamin H. Wu** gained professional prominence through an expertise in technology policy. Wu has held senior government positions in Maryland, the U.S. House of Representatives and the Administration of President George W. Bush, often serving as the highest-ranking Asian American official. After law school, Wu spent 13 years on the staff of a Maryland Representative, which included policy-making as Counsel for the House Science Committee where he led on legislation concerning information technology and biomedical science, including Y2K, human cloning, Internet standards, and genetic testing. In 1993, Wu became the first Asian American president of the Congressional

staff association. In 2001, Wu was appointed by President George W. Bush as the Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology and was subsequently confirmed by the Senate as the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy. He promoted the President's high-tech agenda and managed a 3,500-employee bureau that included a federal laboratory. Wu also led several U.S. delegations to China and Taiwan. In 2006, Wu returned to his home state of Maryland as Assistant Secretary of Business and Economic Development for the Capital Region and Senior Advisor for Technology Policy in the administration of his friend, Governor Robert Ehrlich, the state's first Republican governor in Maryland in 40 years, who lost his re-election bid in November.



Nancy Yuan

In her role as Vice President and Director of The Asia Foundation's Washington office, **Nancy Yuan** represents a non-governmental organization with exceptional influence across Asia, operating 18 offices and dispersing more than \$60 million for programs and \$28 million worth of educational materials. "Committed to the development of a peaceful, prosperous, just, and open Asia-Pacific region," Asia Foundation programs pair American expertise and funds with the initiatives of Asian organizations in the areas of women's participation, governance, law, international relations, and economic development. Yuan's role is to share with U.S.-Asia policy-makers in Washington the Foundation's deep knowledge of Asia gained from its fifty years of dealing with issues on-the-ground in Asia. Among her areas of special expertise is China, partic-

ularly legal reform and the development of civil society, and she frequently speaks on these topics before such groups as the Congressional-Executive Commission on China. With degrees from Barnard College and Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, Yuan directed educational exchanges with China, Russia, France, and Spain for the Council on International Educational Exchange. In 1985, she joined the Asia Foundation, initially working in the Foundation's Asian-American Exchange unit in San Francisco. Yuan was inspired by her uncle, L.Z. Yuan, joined the Foundation at its founding in 1954, headed the Hong Kong office, and launched the China program in 1979. Yuan also is a member of the Board of Advisors for the International Center for Journalists.



CHINESE AMERICA OFF THE BEATEN PATH

NEWS ABOUT LITTLE-KNOWN CHINESE AMERICAN TREASURES

Kam Wah Chung & Co. Museum John Day, Oregon

When *Committee Bridges* got a long letter last summer from the First Lady of Oregon, Mary Oberst, we were impressed. She had been reading the newsletter online and wanted to share news about her campaign to restore and preserve an unusual Chinese American museum in the high desert of eastern Oregon, Kam Wah Chung & Co.

With all the obligations she had as wife of Governor Ted Kulongoski, Oberst said, "I needed to have at least one project that made me happy." Oberst chose the tiny but struggling museum that she had loved since her first visit soon after it opened in 1977. "Kam Wah Chung is a national treasure," she says, and is testimony to the contributions of the Chinese to the history of the West.

From 1887 until 1948, Kam Wah Chung & Co. was the home and workplace of two Chinese immigrants and served both the Chinese and the white communities, explained Oberst. It's "a great window into how the American and Chinese cultures met."

"Lung On operated a general store to supply the gold miners from Nevada to Washington. Ing 'Doc' Hay was a master of herbal medicine and pulse diagnosis who treated patients (Chinese and white) in the surrounding area."

"When Doc Hay died in 1952, he willed the building to the city, but it remained shuttered and mostly forgotten for 20 years. When the building was re-opened in the early 1970s, [John Day] residents were amazed to find it much like it was in the early 1900s, complete with Doc Hay's herbal dispensary and Lung On's general store merchandise."

This unique time capsule of Chinese pioneer life also includes the correspondence, professional and business records, and personal possessions of two remarkable men. Doc Hay was famous for his ability to cure medical problems declared hopeless by American doctors and for his good heart—\$23,000 in uncashed checks from patients was found in his bedroom after he died. Lung On, who spoke English fluently and translated for Doc Hay, was "a bit of a rake and a risk-taker," said Oberst. Among his many business ventures was the first automobile dealership in eastern Oregon. Their stories have been told in several books and a play.

Thanks to Oberst's championing of Kam Wah Chung, bolstered by a blue-ribbon committee that included Mona Locke, wife of Washington Governor **Gary Locke**, the muse-



Built as a trading post in 1875, Kam Wah Chung & Co. is a repository of Chinese American life in the gold-mining town of John Day, Oregon.

um became a National Historic Landmark in 2005, \$1.5 million was raised to begin restoration and documentation, and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's resources were mobilized. Now, Kam Wah Chung is equipped with an excellent fire protection system, a visitor center has been opened, and the building's artifacts are being preserved, catalogued, and studied by curators, archaeologists and historians.

Yet, the remote Kam Wah Chung & Co. Museum is little-known outside of Oregon, and relatively few Oregonians have visited it. However, Oberst proudly says that her campaign has begun to raise awareness of this treasure, and visitors were up 20% last year—to 5,000!



OF NOTE: MEMBERS MAKING NEWS



John Chen

Another Fortune 500 company has brought an Asian American on board: this September, Sybase chairman, CEO and president, **John S. Chen**, was elected to Wells Fargo & Company's Board of Directors. Wells Fargo Chairman Dick Kovacevich, said that he "looked forward to benefiting from [Chen's] business acumen and his expertise in technology and global markets." Chen's Dublin, California software company, Sybase, which

he joined in 1998, recently enlarged its focus with the \$425 million acquisition of Mobile 365, which produces text messaging software used in mobile phones and instant messaging. Sybase has been a leader in developing corporate databases for large companies with mobile workforces and plans to expand its "Unwired Enterprise" products for mobile devices.

Among the 19 Asian Americans winning seats in the California state government this November, **John Chiang**, the next California State Controller, is certainly the most visible.



John Chiang

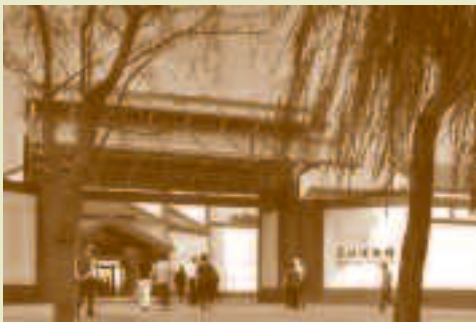
Chiang, a Democrat running in a field of six candidates, won 50.6% of the vote, fully 10% more than the next highest vote-getter, Republican Tony Strickland. The Controller is the Chief Financial Officer of California, a state with a budget of over \$100 billion and the world's sixth largest economy. Chiang has been a member or chair of the California State Board of Equalization since 1997 and previously worked as a tax law specialist for



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the Internal Revenue Service as well as for State Controller Gray Davis. His endorsement by the *Los Angeles Times* lauded Chiang for "his ability to seek a middle path between vigorous collections and taxpayer assistance" based on his performance as Equalization Board chair.

John L. Fugh, formerly The Judge Advocate General of the Army, was one of 49 retired flag officers and former defense officials who signed a letter in September to the Senate Armed Services Committee calling on Congress to preserve the Geneva Conventions. In response to a provision of the Military Commissions Bill that would lower standards for humane treatment of enemy combatants, Fugh, along with such respected commanders as Generals John Shalikashvili and Colin Powell, argued that the proposed legislation would put at risk the safety and protection of U.S. troops, if captured in a combat zone. Comments Fugh, "I believe that abiding by the Geneva Conventions gives America the moral authority to engage and defeat our enemies. To modify our obligations under Common Article 3 would have eroded the very foundations upon which our military services' values are based."



The Suzhou Museum is only I.M. Pei's second architectural project in China.

I.M. Pei's Suzhou Museum, which opened to boisterous crowds and international attention during the Mid-Autumn Festival, was described by the *New York Times* as heralding "a new type of architecture in the world's fastest growing economy, a building that is Chinese in spirit yet ultimately modern." Before designing the museum, Pei, whose ancestral home is Suzhou, had worked with the Suzhou government on urban planning. "All the new buildings are terrible," but easily torn down, he added. Pei hopes that his 160,000-square-foot building, which com-



The Suzhou Museum echoes Pei's other international commissions, including the Louvre addition in Paris.

bines his signature style of dramatic geometrical forms with the use of traditional Suzhou colors, plants, and gardens, will inspire Chinese architects and planners to be concerned not only with buildings but their surroundings. Pei's influence on the Suzhou art world extended to convincing the Suzhou government to include a contemporary wing in the museum, which was built to showcase the paintings and other traditional arts for which Suzhou is justly famous. Then, to prove how exciting new art can be, Pei personally invited three of "the best Chinese artists today" (all of whom live abroad) to mount the first show—Xu Bing, Zhao Wujie, and Cai Guoqiang (whose "Searching for Dreams in the Canals" was created with burning gunpowder). "That is the sort of thing you won't see in Suzhou—and probably not again!" exclaimed Pei. "I've done my bit, and now I'm home!"



Shirley Young, I.M. Pei, and a young pianist at Pei's private party to celebrate the opening of the Suzhou Museum.

Henry Tang and **Shirley Young** were among 100 friends and relatives from all over the

world invited by **I.M. Pei** to celebrate the opening of his Suzhou Museum. The private party was held in the Museum's gardens on October 7. Among the highlights, Pei said, was Wu Man, "the best pipa player in the world who came and played for me," and a fireworks performance by artist Cai Guoqiang. Young, Chair of the U.S.-China Cultural Institute, arranged for performances by young local

artists, to complement the Museum's contemporary design and Chinese roots. A pianist played Chopin under a pine tree, Chopin's music being Pei's favorite. In the bamboo grove before the rock garden were a pair of flute players (Pei's mother played the xiao), and young dancers performed on the bridge across the lake.



Jackson Tai

"Turning His Life's Lessons into Corporate Successes" was the headline of *The Wall Street Journal's* interview with Singapore-based DBS Group CEO **Jackson Tai** on July 24. Tai told the *Journal* that growing up poor in New York's Chinatown, he "always remembered working," beginning with a dish-washing job at age 10, and his first "good-money paying job when I was probably 13," was as drummer and business manager for a rock-'n'-roll band. These days, Tai drums only in his rare time off from overseeing Southeast Asia's largest bank, whose profits and assets have grown rapidly since Tai took over as CEO in 2002. Meanwhile, DBS continues to expand in Asia, including China, through both acquisitions and growth. Tai serves as a board member of the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, the San Francisco Symphony, and the Asian Civilisation Museum in Singapore. "I think that an appreciation for the arts, be it music or literature, gives you a deeper perspective [in the banking world]."



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Peking University's President, Xu Zhihong, conferred an Honorary Professorship on **H.K. Chang**, President and Professor of City University of Hong Kong (CityU), for his contributions to promoting cultural exchange and collaboration between CityU and

Chinese universities. "Linking the mainland, facing the world" is the way Chang describes CityU's strategy of forging academic exchanges with universities in China and abroad. "As an honorary professor at Peking University, I will uphold the spirit of this institution and work hard to contribute more to the development of democracy, science and education in China," he said at the ceremony on September 6, which was attended by 1,000 incoming students. Chang is currently a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and has previously served the Hong Kong government in various capacities.



H.K. Chang

Mei Wei Cheng, Ford Motor Company Vice President and Chairman and CEO of Ford Motor (China), received a string of honors at ceremonies in Beijing, Shanghai, and Xiamen. In February in Beijing, Cheng received a 50,000 RMB award from the China Environmental Protection Foundation, which was then donated to Ford's seven-year-old Environmental Grants China Program to involve Chinese youth in sustainable development activities. In August, the Shanghai Municipal Government honored Cheng's contributions to Shanghai's auto industry and to the city's economic development with its White Magnolia Memorial Prize. Ford's attention to social responsibility was also recognized by the Shanghai American Chamber of Commerce, which presented Cheng with the 2006 Corporate Social Responsibility Award, and by the Chinese newspaper, Guangming Daily, with the Guangming Philanthropy Award. At the China International Fair for Investment and Trade in Xiamen, Cheng was honored for his achievements as an outstanding multinational executive at a ceremony presided over by Vice Premier Wu Yi.



David Ho with Tsinghua University President Gu Binglin

An honorary doctorate was conferred on **David Ho** by Tsinghua University President Gu Binglin in a September 19 ceremony in Beijing. Ho, Director and CEO of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City, has been a key figure in advising Chinese officials and scientists on the AIDS, SARS, and avian flu epidemics. Ho was also the principal scientific advisor for "Frontline: The Age of AIDS," a recent PBS documentary which won the Ribbon of Hope Award. The supporters of Ho's China AIDS Initiative, which carries out HIV education, prevention, treatment and vaccine research in China, were honored at a dinner on October 12 at the home of Gina and **David Chu**. **Jerry Yang** presented Shirley and **Walter Wang** an award in recognition of their leadership gifts to the Initiative.



Akiko Yamazaki, Jerry Yang, Shirley Wang, Gina Chu and Walter Wang, who was honored for his support of the China AIDS Initiative.



Doreen Woo Ho

Wells Fargo executive **Doreen Woo Ho** has once again made the list of *U.S. Banker* magazine's "25 Most Powerful Women in Banking," her rank in 2006 rising to number six. Woo Ho is President of Wells Fargo's Consumer Credit Group and its Corporate Trust Services. Wells Fargo, one of the nation's five largest banks, also made the magazine's "Top

Three Women's Banking Teams," both for its diversity and performance. Woo Ho's accomplishment is even more impressive given that the banking world lags behind other corporate sectors in its advancement of women, according to Catalyst, a research group that follows the progress of women in American business. Only 15% of Fortune 500 commercial banks had female corporate officers.



Three cheers for Illini honoree Betty Lee Sung!

Cheered by a crowd of 60,000 at half-time during the University of Illinois Homecoming game, a beaming **Betty Lee Sung** appeared on the scoreboard, honored as a Homecoming Comeback Guest by her alma mater on October 7. Sung in fact defied her father to attend college rather than marry and was disowned by him at age 18. With a four-year scholarship, Sung still had to pay for her own room and board by washing dishes and cleaning toilets, and graduated in sociology and economics in 1948. Sung, a pioneer in the still developing field of Asian American studies, is today the Chair of the Asian American/Asian Research Institute of the City University of New York.



Tan Dun

At the 26th Annual Legacy Banquet of the Museum of Chinese in the Americas on October 30, Committee of 100 Chairman **John L. Fugh** introduced composer and conductor **Tan Dun**, who received MoCA's 2006 Arts and Culture Legacy award. In addition to Fugh and C-100 staff members, the Committee was represented by **Anla Cheng**, **David Henry Hwang** (a MoCA trustee and one of the evening's dinner chairs), **Maya Lin** (designer of MoCA's new museum space), **Alice Young**, and **John Young**. Hailed by MoCA for making "an indelible mark on the world's music scene with a creative repertoire that spans the



PROFILES IN GIVING

EXTRAORDINARY PHILANTHROPY BY C100 MEMBERS



The Jade Ribbon Bridge in the Huntington's Chinese Garden in San Marino.

Four Committee members and their wives are among the most prominent donors to the Huntington Chinese Garden, donating as much as \$100,000 each for what will be a 12-acre garden at San Marino's Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens and the largest outside of China. The gifts of Rosalind and **Milton Chang**, Peggy and **Andrew Cherng**, and Ellen and **Dominic Ng** have gone towards construction of the garden's first phase, the Summer Garden, which includes a lake, pavilions and five bridges. Ellen and **David Lee's** gift established a fund to cover fundraising expenses. For more than a decade, C-100 member **Edmond Pi** has been involved in all aspects of planning for the garden's completion and is a member of the President's Council on the Chinese Garden. The Ngs and Ellen Lee were also early supporters, forming the first volunteer committee to raise public awareness and funds.

Well on its way to launching the 1,000th Panda Express, **Andrew Cherng's** rapidly-expanding national Chinese fast food chain has also become a powerful force for community philanthropy through Panda Cares.



Andrew Cherng

With 90 new restaurants added in 2006, bringing the Panda Express total to a lucky 888 on November 16, the family-owned, 34-state chain encourages each of its locations and 16,000 employees to donate food and volunteer time to local organizations serving the health and education needs of children or for recovery from such major disasters as Hurricane Katrina. Overseeing this effort is Panda Cares, established in 1999 by Andrew's wife, Peggy. Nearly 100 Panda Cares events are sponsored each year, including a golf tournament that raises several hundred thousand dollars annually for three Southern California charities, United Way of Greater Los Angeles, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, and Methodist Hospital.



Joseph Y. Ko

Joseph Y. Ko, founder, chairman and CEO of Techko Group, an office automation and home security products company, has given much of his life to the causes of education and youth in the U.S. and China. In his community of Irvine, California, Ko has supported the Irvine Chinese School, most recently donating funds and school furniture for its new facility. Twenty of China's Hope Schools in 15 provinces were built with donations from Ko, allowing some of China's poorest children, especially girls, to attend elementary school. With his wife, Ko has sup-

ported the Spring Bud program of the All-China Women's Federation—in a special project named after Ko's mother, they have committed to supporting 300 rural Hubei girls from middle school through college. Ko also works with **Henry Lee** to provide forensic science training to police officers in China and Taiwan.



John Sie

A gift of nearly \$2.4 million from the Anna and **John Sie** Foundation will establish the Institute for Sino-American International Dialogue (ISAID) at the University of Denver. Sie and his daughter, Michelle Sie Whitten, came up with the idea for the Institute, which will provide the platform for high-level dialogue on the issues of energy, water and the environment. The dialogue will bring together permanent members from China and the U.S. who are "opinion leaders from government, academia, business and industry, and the scientific community," according to Sie. "China's middle class may increase by 400 million in the next decade, and if they emulate America's middle class, the world will run out of resources. America, with 5% of the world's population consuming 25% of its resources, must focus on sustainability to be competitive in the future. China and the U.S. have urgent work to do to avoid a global catastrophe, and the ISAID will facilitate meaningful dialogue and make policy and action recommendations to the top leaders in both countries."

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boundaries of classical, multimedia, Eastern and Western musical systems," Tan Dun's works range from opera ("Tea," "The Map") to film scores ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," "The Banquet"), and he is one of the best known composers in the world. "The First Emperor" is his latest commissioned opera which he conducts for the Metropolitan Opera this winter, starring Placido Domingo as Qin Shi Huangdi with **Hao Jiang Tian** in the role of General Wang.

The Public Service Award of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APALC) was presented to entrepreneur and philanthropist **Cyrus Tang** on November 14 at The Beverly Hilton in tribute to his longtime role as "friend, mentor and advisor" to APALC. "Over the last decade, the support of the Chung Ying Tang Foundation has aided in publishing more than a dozen ground-breaking demographic research reports and vital voter research and exit polling work."

Furthermore, Tang's "sound advice and financial assistance ultimately led to the purchase of APALC's own building." APALC's executive director and president is C-100 member **Stewart Kwoh** and the evening's dinner chair was Bear Stearns chairman **Donald Tang**.

FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
S. ALICE MONG

On December 21, the Metropolitan Opera mounted the world premiere of "The First Emperor," a specially-commissioned work composed and conducted by C-100 member **Tan Dun**. Placido Domingo sings the title role of Qin Shi Huang (Emperor Qin), and member **Hao Jiang Tian** is General Wang. Directing the production is famed filmmaker Zhang Yimou with the libretto co-written by Tan and National Book Award-winning novelist Ha Jin. Oscar-winning designer Emi Wada created the costumes. Sold out for its month-long run in New York, the opera will eventually be performed in Los Angeles.

Having seen Zhang Yimou's production of "Turandot" in the Forbidden City in Beijing about 10 years ago, I have no doubt that the staging of this opera at the Met will be stunning. Opera is a global art form and a musical, dramatic and visual spectacle. At a recent talk at Columbia University, Tan Dun, Ha Jin and Zhang Yimou explained that "The First Emperor" was a wonderful vehicle that allowed them to work together and pool their talents. It took nearly a decade to get this production from paper to stage.

Regardless of the artistic merit of this production and whatever the critics might say, this partnership is already a triumph. For me, it is an inspiring story of the collaboration of three talented artists who grew up in China amidst the turbulence of the Cultural Revolution. Today, Tan Dun is based in New York, Ha Jin in Boston, and Zhang Yimou in Beijing. Each member of this outstanding creative trio has received international and national recognition and critical praise.

Four world-class Chinese artists of whom three are Chinese Americans—we must not forget the vocal work of Hao-Jiang Tian—are taking center stage at Lincoln Center, one of the most prestigious venues for performing arts in the West. This is truly a milestone event in Chinese cultural history.

After the last performance of the production in New York on Jan 25, Zhang Yimou and Tan Dun will be hard at work preparing for the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2008 Beijing Olympics. We have two years to wait to see what wonderful surprises they will be concocting to amaze us.



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Lucy Liu

Public Service — Lucy Liu

With sideline occupations as a fashion designer and a successful artist, Lucy Liu is one of the hottest actresses in Hollywood. Apart from being the first Asian American woman to host "Saturday Night Live" (2000), Liu is best-known for her roles in "Ally McBeal," "Charlie's Angels," and "Kill Bill: Vol. 1." Yet since 2005 Liu has led another life, as a UNICEF Ambassador—taking her to rural Pakistan where she met children and families whose lives are still shattered after the 2005 earthquake and to sub-Saharan Africa to witness the devastation and stigma that children suffer when their parents are victims of HIV/AIDS. This past fall, Liu also donated proceeds to UNICEF from an auction of her original artwork, raising \$267,000, and she designed a limited edition Tod's handbag whose sales will go to UNICEF. In another charitable role, Liu starred in the just-released "3 Needles," a film by Thom Fitzgerald to raise money to fight AIDS.



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