

Committee of 100

25th Anniversary Gala and Summit



April 9-11, 2015

This year, the Committee of 100 (C-100) celebrated its 25th Anniversary in New York under the leadership of conference co-chairs Guoqing Chen, David Ho, Clarence Kwan, Herman Li, Howard Li, and Charlie Woo.

American and Chinese Leaders Address the Committee of 100 Summit

Congresswoman Grace Meng



At the Committee of 100's April 10 Summit, over 300 guests were welcomed by **Congresswoman Grace Meng**, U.S. Representative for New York's 6th District. Congresswoman Meng highlighted the Committee of 100's role in advancing U.S.-China relations and promoting the full inclusion of Chinese Americans in American society, most notably with C-100's involvement in the 1882 Project and leadership mentoring programs. She concluded that "*C-100's ongoing contributions to the U.S.-China dialogue, in Washington, D.C., New York, and Beijing is a legacy that can and must continue.*"

Ambassador Zhang Qiyue



The Summit luncheon featured a keynote speech from **Ambassador Zhang Qiyue**, the Chinese Consul General in New York. Ambassador Zhang shared anecdotes from her first visit to New York as a student, and underscored the breadth and depth of U.S.-China political, economic, and people-to-people ties. She noted, for example, that the U.S. and China have established 240 pairs of sister states and cities, and more than 90 governmental dialogues and cooperation mechanisms. "*The U.S. and China are expected to become each other's largest trading partners by 2022,*" she explained, "*with U.S. exports to China projected to surpass \$450 billion.*"

Speakers Explore Asian Americans and the 2016 Elections

A Conversation with the Republican Party



Committee of 100 member Lanhee Chen, Ed Cox, and Mayor Allan Fung examine political outreach to the Asian American community

The following Summit sessions examined Asian Americans and the 2016 elections in conversations with the Republican Party and Democratic Party. C-100 member **Lanhee Chen**, Director of Domestic Policy Studies at Stanford University, conversed with Republican Party representatives **Ed Cox**, Chairman of the New York Republican State Committee, and **The Honorable Allan Fung**, Mayor of Cranston, Rhode Island. Having served as the policy director for the Romney-Ryan 2012 presidential campaign, Lanhee explained that the Republican Party conducted an autopsy after the 2012 elections that revealed the party's communication with the Asian American community was too sporadic and that they had to be more consistent in their engagement. Ed Cox noted that because of where populations are concentrated, the Asian American vote is not normally part of the swing vote in swing states; however, the Asian American vote could make a considerable difference in Virginia in 2016. Mayor Fung shared his personal experience as the first Asian American Republican nominee for governor in Rhode Island, and underscored the importance of education in preventing racially-charged messaging from entering the campaign cycle.

A Conversation with the Democratic Party



Ambassador Gary Locke and Raul Alvirar discuss racially-charged campaign messaging and its impact on the Asian American community

In the companion session held that afternoon, **The Honorable Gary Locke**, 10th U.S. Ambassador to China, discussed with **Raul Alvirar**, National Political Director at the Democratic National Committee, the Democratic Party's engagement with Asian Americans. Ambassador Locke explained that, based on data from previous election cycles, it is expected that candidates will air about 2.5 million ads in 2016, 9% of them will concern China, and the majority of those ads will be negative. Raul Alvirar emphasized that "there is no space in American politics for a segment of the population to be used to garner votes through fear-mongering. It is simply wrong and not part of the American fabric; Democratic values do not encompass those types of political advertisements." Ambassador Locke also discussed his experience as the first Asian American governor and first Chinese American Ambassador to China, describing how many wrongly assumed that because he was of Chinese heritage, he would be more sympathetic to the Chinese government's positions.

Business and Academic Leaders Discuss U.S.-China Cross-Border Investment

C-100 members **The Honorable Linda Tsao Yang**, Former U.S. Ambassador to the Asian Development Bank, and **Alice Young**, Independent Director of AXIS Capital Holdings Limited, hosted two sessions examining American investment in China and Chinese investments in the U.S.

Stephen Girsky, Pin Ni, Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, Alice Young



Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, Stephen Girsky, Pin Ni, and C-100 member Alice Young weigh in on U.S.-China cross-border investment

The first session featured a discussion with **Stephen Girsky**, Former Vice Chairman of General Motors, and **Pin Ni**, President of Wanxiang America, led by **Jeffrey Sonnenfeld**, Senior Associate Dean for Executive Programs and Lester Crown Professor in the Practice of Management at the Yale School of Management. While outbound investment can sometimes be a controversial issue, Stephen Girsky advised business leaders to lay out the best business decision and communicate what they are doing and why they are doing it, because the majority of investments are value and job-creating. Pin Ni provided insights on how Chinese companies experience investing in the U.S., noting that they are often confused about who is really representing the U.S. government. In China, Pin Ni explained, there is a more unified voice, but in the U.S., there are disconnections and one can be welcomed by the local mayor or governor and at the same time treated very harshly by the press. Jeffrey Sonnenfeld cautioned political saber-rattling because many American industries could benefit from Chinese investment and many Chinese companies may be interested in investing in the U.S. but could be deterred by the potential political backlash.

Daniel Rosen, Wu Shangzhi, Rick Niu, Ambassador Linda Tsao Yang

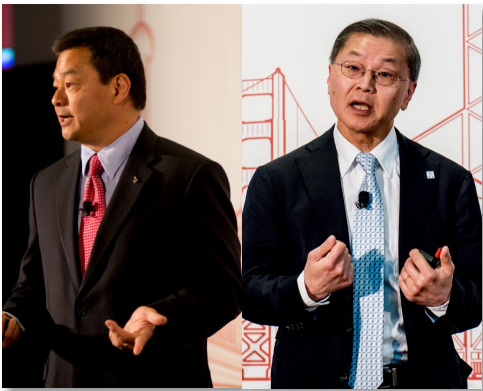


Daniel Rosen, Wu Shangzhi, Rick Niu, and C-100 member Ambassador Linda Tsao Yang explore the mutual benefits of U.S.-China investment

The second investment session, hosted by **Daniel Rosen**, Partner at the Rhodium Group, featured remarks from **Rick Niu**, President and CEO of Starr Strategic Partners, and **Dr. Wu Shangzhi**, Chairman of CDH Investments. Daniel Rosen provided the context for this session, explaining that the Rhodium Group tracked about \$12 billion in new Chinese investment deals across 27 American states, bringing the total number of states with some amount of Chinese direct investment to 45. Rick Niu noted that because China must generate 12-15 million jobs a year, encouraging foreign investment and unleashing the entrepreneurial spirit makes a lot of sense not only for job creation in the U.S., but also in China. Wu Shangzhi emphasized the benefits of investment for the U.S. and China — it can create jobs in the U.S. and increase American exports to China, and in China, American capital has made a tremendous contribution to homegrown entrepreneurial companies like Baidu and Alibaba.

Committee of 100 Members Share Pioneering Stories and Visions for the Future

Dr. Leroy Chiao, Dr. David Ho



C-100 members Leroy Chiao and David Ho describe their journeys as Asian Americans

At this year's Summit, the Committee pioneered the "Chinese American Journeys" sessions — visually-engaging and inspiring presentations given by C-100 members about their journeys as Chinese Americans in the U.S. **Leroy Chiao**, former NASA Astronaut and Space Station Commander, shared his passion for space and his dream of future collaboration between the U.S. and China in this next frontier. **David Ho**, CEO, Scientific Director, and Professor at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, explained how he took a risk by focusing his career on HIV/AIDS research at a time when the virus seemed to affect only a "fringe population," and has since become one of the foremost experts on a disease that caused the largest epidemic in human history.

Thought Leaders and Philanthropists Examine Philanthropy in China and the U.S.

Rupert Hoogewerf, Oscar Tang, Stephen Schwarzman, Ronnie Chan



C-100 Founder Oscar Tang, Stephen Schwarzman, and member Ronnie Chan discuss philanthropy in the U.S. and China

Rupert Hoogewerf, Founder and Publisher of the *Hurun Report*, presented illuminating data on philanthropy in China, noting that as of 2014, China (not including Taiwan) represented 20% of the global population and Chinese billionaires represented exactly 20% of the dollar billionaires in the world.

Following Rupert's presentation, C-100 co-founder **Oscar Tang** led a discussion between C-100 member **Ronnie Chan**, Chairman of Hang Lung Properties, and **Stephen Schwarzman**, Chairman, CEO, and Co-Founder of Blackstone Group. Oscar Tang began the conversation by contrasting philanthropy in the U.S., where it has a long history, with philanthropy in China, which remains a recent and growing phenomenon. Ronnie Chan explained that his family does not believe in or practice inherited wealth and pointed to studies demonstrating that "new money" tends to be more generous than "old money." Stephen Schwarzman described the impetus for establishing the Schwarzman Scholars program was the historical record of war between established and rising powers and the potential for conflict between the U.S. and China.

Summit Closing Remarks

Ambassador Stapleton Roy



The Summit closed with remarks on the future of U.S.-China relations by C-100 advisor **The Honorable Stapleton Roy**, the 5th U.S. Ambassador to China and Distinguished Scholar and Founding Director Emeritus of the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Ambassador Roy noted that *“The world is indeed changing – China and the U.S. can work together in shaping these changes, or we can engage in a protracted contest over the international order. Which it will be depends on each country’s willingness to accommodate the interest of the other.”*

International Leaders Convene at the Committee of 100’s Annual Gala

Committee of 100 Founders



C-100 Founders Oscar Tang, Shirley Young, Henry Tang, I.M. Pei (front), and C-100 Chairman Clarence Kwan

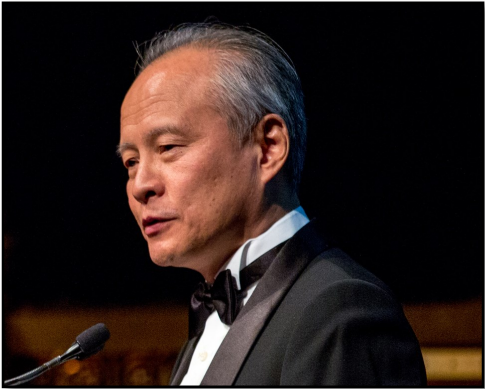
The April 9 Awards Gala honored the Committee’s founders, featured key influencers in U.S.-China relations, and recognized major philanthropic contributions to U.S.-China exchanges and the Asian American community. Over 400 guests attended the Gala dinner, which was held at the iconic Gotham Hall. The event was emceed by **Melissa Lee**, Host of CNBC’s “Fast Money” and “Options Action,” and comedian **Joe Wong**. C-100 Chairman Clarence Kwan and Vice Chair Herman Li highlighted some of C-100’s major accomplishments in its 25-year history, and paid tribute to the organization’s founders and previous leadership. Founders **I.M. Pei**, **Henry Tang**, **Oscar Tang**, and **Shirley Young** shared the story of the Committee’s founding in 1989 under the vision of I.M. Pei.

Dr. Henry Kissinger



In introducing the gala keynote speaker, Henry Tang explained that a key figure in the establishment of C-100 was **Dr. Henry Kissinger**, 56th U.S. Secretary of State, who was also the architect of U.S.-China détente. Dr. Kissinger’s keynote remarks highlighted the evolution of U.S.-China relations since the establishment of official ties and underscored the importance of collaboration in ensuring mutual prosperity. Dr. Kissinger advised that *“neither can gain permanently from confrontation; both the U.S. and China can only benefit from partnership.”*

Ambassador Cui Tiankai



Following Dr. Kissinger's remarks, **His Excellency Cui Tiankai**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the United States, addressed the audience. Ambassador Cui discussed priorities in Chinese domestic and foreign policy, emphasizing areas of cooperation with the U.S. and the role of people-to-people ties in promoting constructive bilateral relations. Ambassador Cui thanked C-100 for its contributions to bilateral relations, noting *"For a quarter century, the Committee of 100 has served as a bridge for mutual understanding between the U.S. and China."*

Gala Awardees and Entertainment



As guests enjoyed their dinners, comedian Joe Wong provided comedic entertainment. Using his famous deadpan humor, Joe touched on cultural differences between the U.S. and China as well as challenges faced by Chinese Americans and Asian Americans in the U.S. The Committee of 100 then presented the C-100 Philanthropy Excellence Awards to this year's honorees: **Niu Gensheng**, Honorary Chairman of the Lao Niu Foundation and founder of the Mengniu Dairy Group, and **Sue Van**, President of the Wallace H. Coulter Foundation. The Philanthropy Excellence Award is granted to individuals and organizations who further U.S.-China exchanges and promote the full inclusion of Chinese Americans in the U.S. through philanthropy. Sue Van explained the rationale behind her philanthropy, that *"voting is the greatest equalizer. If the Asian American community wants a voice, respect, a seat at the table, we need to get everyone registered to vote."*

The evening concluded with performances from piano prodigy **Niu Niu** — the youngest pianist ever to sign an exclusive recording contract with an international classical label — and Baritone **Yunpeng Wang** — who has performed with C-100 member Tian Hao Jiang's ISING Beijing program.

About the Committee of 100

The Committee of 100 is a leadership organization of prominent Chinese Americans in business, government, academia, and the arts. For over a quarter century, the Committee has served as a high-level bridge in the U.S.-China dialogue by fostering regular exchanges with the leadership of Beijing, Taipei, and Washington. C-100 members are leading U.S. citizens of Chinese descent who leverage their collective influence and resources to strengthen U.S.-China relations and promote the advancement of Chinese Americans. Learn more on our website: www.committee100.org.