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Committee of 100 and University of Arizona Commence Joint Research, with a Focus on Chinese American Scientists Situation

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On June 23, Committee of 100, and the University of Arizona, one of the leading research universities in the country, today announced a new joint-research project designed to understand how research and academics have been affected by the limitations that the U.S. government has placed on international exchange with China, with special focus on the impact on professors and researchers who are of Chinese descent.

Along with Committee of 100, the study is being co-led by Professor Jenny J. Lee, faculty member of the Center for the Study of Higher Education in the University of Arizona College of Education. The survey and data gathering is being conducted and the results of the study will look to be announced in the fall of this year. Additionally, Committee of 100 and the University of Arizona have assembled an academic advisory group for the project which consist of experts and scholars of US-China policy studies, political science, communications, immigration and other areas.

According to President of Committee of 100 Zheng Yu Huang, much of the US scientific and technological advancements have been owing to the world class talents who have come from abroad. But the restrictions and fear mongering of recent years have sent a chill amongst American scientists and researchers, in particular targeting those of Chinese descent. Huang hopes this research will shed light on race and ethnicity in science and research as well as advance understanding of the impact of government policy and regulation on the scientific competitiveness of America.

Committee of 100 was founded by prominent Chinese Americans including the late world-renowned architect I.M. Pei and internationally acclaimed cellist Yo-Yo Ma. The non-profit is committed to the dual missions of promoting the full participation of Chinese Americans in all aspects of American life and constructive relations between the US and China. The organization earlier this year released the landmark study titled "From Foundations to Frontiers" of the enduring contributions of Chinese Americans to American society from the late 1800s to today. (END)