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The Committee of 100 (C-100) is an international, non-profit, non-partisan membership organization that brings a Chinese American perspective to issues concerning Asian Americans and U.S.-China relations. Our organization draws upon the collective experience, knowledge, and resources of our members - Chinese Americans who have achieved prominence in a variety of fields and work in partnership towards our mission. [Learn More.](#)

Signposts in U.S.-China Relations: RMB's Rise and Third Plenum

As the Committee of 100 observes recent developments in U.S.-China relations, we identify signposts as indicators of where the relationship is headed and what factors could direct, derail, or detour both countries' path toward constructive cooperation.

RMB's Rise. The upward trajectory of the renminbi (RMB) - China's currency - indicates China's increasing financial clout in global trade finance. The RMB surpassed the euro as the world's second most-traded currency in early December, according to the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT). China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Germany, and Australia are the top five countries using RMB-denominated trade finance. At C-100's 2011 Greater China Conference in Hong Kong, we identified the internationalization of the RMB as a trend worth watching and assessed the challenges of cross-border convertibility and global pricing power. Two years later, as China opens its capital markets, 17 percent of China's global business was transacted in RMB the first nine months of 2013 - a confirmation of the RMB's growing competitive position. At C-100's Greater China Conference in Beijing this October, Zhou Xiaochuan, Governor of the People's Bank of China, underscored the necessity and challenges of structural reforms to China's financial system. The RMB's road to internationalization remains paved with significant obstacles, but its rise will require China's commensurate responsibility as a major stakeholder in reshaping the global financial system.

Third Plenum. Major reforms to land ownership, market-oriented growth, and judicial independence announced at China's Third Plenum, November 9-12, indicate Beijing's intentions to mitigate domestic economic, social, and political pressures. When the C-100

members delegation met with Premier Li Keqiang this November, our discussion confirmed that domestic reforms are high priority for China's senior decisionmakers. As the international community watches the implementation of these reforms, Beijing understands that managing these challenges will test the effectiveness of its leadership at home and abroad.

Throughout 2013, high-impact events have re-affirmed the resilience of U.S.-China relations. As we look forward to 2014, the Committee aims to enhance the dialogue on bilateral strategic trust through educational exchange, people-to-people diplomacy, and leadership development. C-100's outreach to the Chinese and Asian American communities is an essential component of strengthening U.S.-China dialogue. Join this exchange at C-100's annual conference in San Francisco, April 25-26, 2014. Keep updated on conference details and other upcoming events at www.committee100.org.



Dominic Ng
Chairman
Committee of 100

C-100 China Delegations: Bringing American Thought Leaders to China

The Committee of 100 (C-100) led five influential U.S. civic leaders and four prominent journalists to China this fall as part of C-100's Educational Exchange Program. For the first time, the civic leaders delegation included a Chinese American participant and a former Member of Congress. Online media outlets were represented for the first time on the journalist delegation.

Civic Leader Delegates

Jeffrey Chin, President, Ascend

Ilene H. Lang, President and CEO, Catalyst

Noel Lateef, President, Foreign Policy Association

John E. Sununu, Former Member of U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and Director, Time Warner Cable

William Wohlforth, Daniel Webster Professor of Government, Dartmouth College

Journalist Delegates

Henry Finder, Editorial Director, The New Yorker

John Harris, Editor-in-Chief, Politico

Fred Hiatt, Editorial Page Editor and Columnist, The Washington Post

Adam Kushner, Executive Editor, National Journal

C-100 customizes each delegation's agenda to reflect the interests of the trip's participants. Beginning in Beijing, delegates

met with Chinese government, business, media, academic, and think tank leaders to discuss U.S.-China relations, China's economy, and China's socio-intellectual trends, among other topics. Journalists met with high-caliber government officials, including Ambassador Fu Ying, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress, and Zheng Zeguang, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs. Civic leaders delegates connected with Chinese counterparts: thought leaders, civil rights activists, and senior NGO management. Both delegations were impressed with local Chinese journalists who provided diverse perspectives on China. Delegates also met with C-100 members Mei-wei Cheng, Wei Sun Christianson, Handel Lee, Victor Fung, Timothy Tong, and Dazong Wang.



C-100's Journalist Delegation with Ambassador Fu Ying, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress



C-100's Civic Leaders Delegation with Lu Guanqiu, Chairman of Wanxiang

These delegations enhance bilateral people-to-people understanding by offering participants a unique first-hand experience in China. According to C-100's U.S.-China Public Perceptions Opinion Survey 2012, only 32% of U.S. opinion leaders have visited China and of those who do visit, 70% reported improved opinions of the country after visitation. Delegate Adam Kushner shared his enriched worldview: "I have a much more textured understanding of the debate inside of the country about its future. . . China is clearly a place whose extraordinary transformations, over the past half century, stagger the imagination." For more on the delegates' experiences, read Fred Hiatt's reflection [here](#), and Adam Kushner's post-trip article [here](#).

C-100 has led a total of 18 civic and 22 opinion leaders on China delegations since 2007. Past delegates include David Brooks, Columnist, The New York Times; David Ignatius, Columnist, The Washington Post; and Arturo Vargas, Executive Director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO). These delegations have been supported by the generous contributions of C-100 members Anla Cheng, Ming Hsu, Handel Lee, Jackson Tai, Cyrus Tang, Lulu Wang, Roger Wang, Theodore Wang, and Shirley Young. View past delegates' post-trip articles [here](#).

Upcoming Events

February 27, 2014

San Francisco

Speakers Forum and Chinese New Year Reception. More details forthcoming.

April 25-26, 2014

San Francisco

C-100 will host the Awards Gala on April 25 and the 23rd Annual Common Ground Conference on April 26 at the Four Seasons Hotel in San Francisco. The Conference Co-Chairs - Chi-Foon Chan, Yuan Yuan Tan, Jay Xu, and Geoff Yang - are working with the Conference Planning Committee members - Micheline Chau, Larry Low, Philip Ma, Jenny Ming, Anna Mok, and Jerry Yang - to shape program development and speakers line-up.

Committee Updates

September 11

San Francisco

The inaugural Speakers Forum, "Gateway to the Pacific: U.S.-China Economic and Entrepreneurial Exchange," was held at the University Club of San Francisco. In commemoration of September 11, the U.S. Army South Bay Recruiting Company presented the colors. Forum speakers examined the local impact of U.S.-China economic and entrepreneurial exchange with a focus on information technology, cleantech, social media, and other key industries. C-100 member Robert Lee moderated the panel, which included John Chiang, C-100 member and California State Controller; Edwin Lee, Mayor of San Francisco;



C-100 Chairman Dominic Ng at the inaugural C-100 Speakers Forum

Jean Quan, Mayor of Oakland; Myron Brilliant, Executive Vice President, International, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Marguerite Gong Hancock, Associate Director of the Stanford Program on Regions of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SPRIE) at the Stanford Graduate School of Business; and Jack Wadsworth, Honorary Chairman, Morgan Stanley Asia. View the event [here](#).

September 17

Washington, D.C.



C-100 members and Executive Director with Forum Speakers

In honor of Constitution Day, C-100 hosted the Speakers Forum, "Asian Americans, Citizenship, and the U.S. Constitution: Contributions and Controversy," at the Covington & Burling offices in Washington, D.C. Brian Sun, C-100 member and Partner at Jones Day, moderated a panel of legal experts who discussed the impact of historic Asian American court cases on the U.S. Constitution. James Ho, Partner at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, examined the 1898 Wong Kim Ark case and the precedent it set for birthright citizenship. Robert Long, Partner at Covington & Burling, explained the 1944 Korematsu case and

the history of Japanese American internment. Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa (HI-01) offered personal anecdotes on her family's experiences as Japanese Americans, as well as policy perspectives on what these historic cases mean for current immigration reform. To watch the full event, visit the [C-100 UStream channel](#).

September 21-29

Beijing, Shanghai, and Hangzhou

The fall C-100 China Delegation included five U.S. civic leaders: Jeffrey Chin, President, Ascend; Ilene H. Lang, President and CEO, Catalyst; Noel Lateef, President, Foreign Policy Association; John E. Sununu, Former Member of U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and Director, Time Warner Cable; William Wohlforth, Daniel Webster Professor of Government, Dartmouth College. The delegation's 18 meetings covered U.S.-China relations, Chinese foreign policy and politics, women's issues and civil society, journalism and social media, and economic reforms. C-100 members Mei-wei Cheng, Wei Christianson, Handel Lee, and Dazong Wang met with the delegation in Beijing.



C-100 Civic Leader Delegates at the Forbidden City

October 14

The Committee launched its new website, which includes a redesigned homepage, updated C-100 program pages, integrated social media platforms, and much



more: <http://committee100.org/>.

The new C-100 website

October 26-November 4

Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong

C-100 successfully led a delegation of four journalists to China: Henry Finder, Editorial Director, The New Yorker; John Harris, Editor-in-Chief, Politico; Fred Hiatt, Editorial Page Editor and Columnist, The Washington Post; and Adam Kushner, Executive Editor, National Journal. Delegates participated in 18 meetings covering topics such as U.S.-China relations, Chinese foreign policy, intellectual and art trends, the economy, civil society and the media, and the political system. Greater China members Wei Sun Christianson, Victor Fung, and Timothy Tong hosted discussions with the delegation in Beijing and Hong Kong.



C-100's Journalist Delegation in Shanghai



C-100 members with President Ma

October 28

Taipei

C-100 members met with Ma Ying-jeou, President of Taiwan, to discuss Taiwan's domestic and international developments, and cross-strait relations. Member delegates included Chairman Dominic Ng, Pehong Chen, Wu-Fu Chen, Ming Hsieh, Ta-lin Hsu, Richard Lee, Howard Li, Shu Li, Paul Lin, John Long, Henry Tang, Jay Xu, Shirley Young, and Ya-Qin Zhang. Following the meeting with President Ma, members participated in a tour of the National Palace Museum led by Jay Xu.

October 29-30

Taipei

Charles Kao, Global Views Monthly Magazine, hosted the 11th Annual Global Views Business Forum in Taipei. C-100 Chairman Dominic Ng gave opening remarks at the Forum, and C-100 members Ronnie Chan, Pehong Chen, Wu-Fu Chen, Andrew Cherng, David Chu, Ming Hsieh, Ta-Lin Hsu, Paul Lin, John Long, H. Roger Wang, and Ya-Qin Zhang attended the Forum.



Chairman Dominic Ng at the Global Business Views Forum in Taipei

October 30

Beijing



Clarence Kwan and Carter Tseng with Wang Peng, the 2013 LSP Class President

The Committee hosted a Leadership Roundtable Dinner for the 2013 Leadership Scholarship Program (LSP) students, alumni, and university administrators. C-100 Chairman-elect Clarence Kwan welcomed the audience and Carter Tseng gave an overview of LSP's history. Gao Wensi, an LSP alumnus, discussed the scholarship program's impact on his professional growth. After the final two 2013 LSP Class Presidential candidates delivered campaign speeches, C-100 members and students elected the Class President. Following the election, students, LSP alumni, and C-100 members - Wu-Fu Chen, Stewart Kwoh, John Long, Henry Tang, Charlie

Woo, Linda Tsao Yang, and Shirley Young - participated in roundtable discussions on leadership and career development.

October 31

Beijing

The Committee of 100 convened its Fifth Greater China Conference at the Four Seasons Hotel Beijing. The Conference Co-Chairs were Wei Sun Christianson, Dazong Wang, H. Roger Wang, and Ya-Qin Zhang. The conference included four roundtable sessions: Philanthropy in China, U.S.-China Strategic Trust, U.S.-China Cross-Border Investment Trends and Outlook, and China's Environmental Sustainability. Zheng Zeguang, P.R.C. Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mickey Kantor, former U.S. Trade Representative and Secretary of Commerce and current Partner at Mayer Brown, gave keynote addresses. Daniel Kritenbrink, Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, and Madam Qiu Yuanping, Director of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council, gave conference remarks.



Governor Zhou Xiaochuan and Chairman Dominic Ng at the October 31 Gala

Following the conference, the Committee hosted its 2013 Gala Awards Dinner. The dinner featured the 2013 Leadership Scholarship Program Awards and a keynote address by Zhou Xiaochuan, Governor of the People's Bank of China. The Gala concluded with reflections from Master of Ceremonies Andrew Ballen, CEO of AVD Digital Media, and a performance by Kelly Cha, C-100 member and singer/songwriter.

Learn more about the conference and gala by reading the [Executive Summary](#).

November 1



C-100 members with
Premier Li Keqiang

Beijing

C-100 members participated in delegation meetings with the Chinese leadership, including a meeting with Premier Li Keqiang, accompanied by State Councilor Yang Jiechi and Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Li Baodong. Members also participated in a luncheon hosted by Han Qide, Vice-Chairman of the National Committee of the 12th CPPCC and Chairman of the China Overseas Exchange Association, and Madam Qiu Yuanping, Director of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council. Delegates also met with Wang Chao, Vice

Minister of Commerce, and Zhang Zhijun, Director of the Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council. Member delegates included Chairman Dominic Ng, Clarence Kwan, David Chang, Lily Lee Chen, Pehong Chen, Wu-Fu Chen, Ming Hsieh, Ta-lin Hsu, Stewart Kwoh, Handel Lee, Richard Lee, Howard Li, Shu Li, Paul Lin, John Long, Henry Tang, Carter Tseng, Dazong Wang, H. Roger Wang, Walter Wang, Jay Xu, Debra Wong Yang, Linda Tsao Yang, Shirley Young, and Ya-Qin Zhang.

November 12 and November 21

San Francisco

On November 12, Northern California C-100 members hosted a dinner welcoming the Honorable Yuan Nansheng, new Chinese Consul General in San Francisco. C-100 Bay Area Vice Chair Jay Xu co-hosted meeting with Daniel Chao, Doreen Woo Ho, and Frank Wu. The Consul General was accompanied by consular staff including the Deputy Consul General, Chief of the Cultural Section, Chief of the Political Section, and Vice Consul of the Political Section. Consul General Yuan in return graciously hosted a dinner for local C-100 members and spouses at his residence on November 21. Pehong Chen, Doreen Woo Ho, Weili Dai, Ta-lin Hsu, George Koo, and Jay Xu attended the dinner. The Counselor of Technology, Counselor of Commerce, Head of Political Section, Head of Press Section, Political Section Vice Consul also participated in the dinner. At both meetings, C-100 members and Consul General Yuan exchanged views on collaboration in advancing U.S.-China relations.



C-100 members with PRC Consul
General in San Francisco

November 13

Pasadena

C-100 Chairman Dominic Ng hosted a dinner for Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti at East West Bank's headquarters in Pasadena. Members Julie Fong, Ming Hsu, Stewart Kwoh, Richard Lee, Lily Lee Chen, Paul Lin, John Long, Li Lu, Edmond Pi, Anne Shen Smith, Brian Sun, Donald Tang,



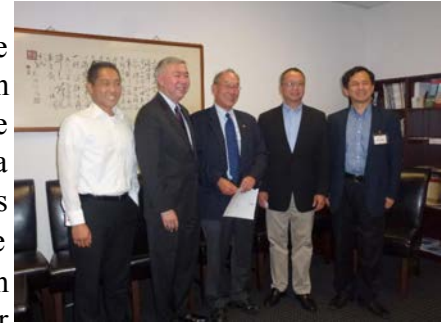
C-100 members with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti

Walter Wang, William Wang, Charlie Woo, Janet Yang, and Teddy Zee attended the dinner.

November 21

San Jose

The C-100 Issues Committee held its first workshop, "Unique Challenges and Risks for Chinese Americans Working in America." The presentation was co-hosted by Monte Jade Science and Technology Association (West Coast) and the Asia America MultiTechnology Association (AAMA). Issues Committee members Nelson Dong and George Koo addressed Chinese and Chinese Americans working in science and technology on the risks of not understanding or circumventing U.S. laws on trade secrets, espionage, and export controls, especially within the context of the geopolitical relationship between the U.S. and China. Chairman-elect Clarence Kwan attended the workshop.



C-100 members and Monte Jade board members



From right to left: Fred Hiatt, Congressman Robert Simmons, Ambassador Julia Chang Bloch, and Congressman Howard Berman

December 11

Washington, D.C.

C-100 and the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress co-hosted an invitation-only discussion on "U.S.-China Trust Divide: Bridging the Divide" with nine current and former members of Congress. Panelists included Ambassador Julia Chang Bloch, Founder and President, US-China Education Trust; Congressmen Howard Berman (D-CA 1983-2013) and Robert Simmons (R-CT 2001-2007); and Fred Hiatt, Editor Page Editor and Columnist, The Washington Post. Approximately 30 representatives from think tanks, universities, and non-profits, Hill senior staffers, and three C-100 D.C. members - Ben Wu, Jeremy Wu, Nancy Yuan - participated in the exchange.

Members News

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Members of Note

- Yo-Yo Ma, Cellist

- Dominic Ng, C-100 Chairman
- Yuan Yuan Tan, San Francisco Ballet
- Kelly Cha, singer and songwriter
- John Chen, BlackBerry
- Hao Jiang Tian, opera singer
- Oscar Tang, Tancura LLC, and Shirley Young, Shirley Young Associates

Newsmakers

- Frank H. Wu, University of California's Hastings College of the Law
- Cheng Li, Thornton China Center, The Brookings Institution
- Michelle Kwan, U.S. Department of State
- Dali Yang, University of Chicago Center in Beijing
- Stewart Kwoh, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles
- Dominic Ng, C-100 Chairman
- Maya Lin, Maya Lin Studio
- George Koo, New American Media
- Leroy Chiao, former NASA astronaut
- Dazong Wang, Ophoenix Capital Management Inc.
- Yue-Sai Kan, Yue-Sai Kan Productions
- Alice Young, Kaye Scholer LLP

Honorable Mentions

- Chi-Foon Chan, Synopsys
- Wei Sun Christianson, Morgan Stanley
- Jackson Tai, Eli Lilly and Company
- Weili Dai, Marvell Technology Group
- Brian Sun, Jones Day
- David Ho, Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center
- Jerry Yang, AME Cloud Ventures
- Shirley Young, Shirley Young Associates

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