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Committee of 100's 142-Page Report Reviews Chinese Americans' 175-Year Contributions in America

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Committee of 100 (C100), a Chinese-American organization, released a 142-page research report on February 8, which, through historical events, anecdotes, and data, gives a comprehensive account of Chinese Americans' 175 years of contributions, critical events in US-China relation, and stereotypes still facing Chinese Americans today.

The report, tilted *From Foundations to Frontiers: Chinese American Contributions to the Fabric of America*, is an Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) report that has been commissioned by the Committee of 100 and Citi Private Bank.

As Mr. Roger Wang, the C100 chairman, says, the report tells the stories of the Chinese American community's impact on and continued struggles within the American society; C100 supports the full inclusion and advancement of the more than 5 million Chinese Americans in the United States and believes that America is stronger because of its immigrant heritage and diverse cultures.

The report has recounted the success stories of Chinese Americans in business, science, medicine, engineering and other fields. The influential Chinese American figures in American history whose achievements are featured in the report include Wong Kim Ark, whose case resulted in a landmark Supreme Court ruling that established that all residents born in the US are automatically granted citizenship irrespective of race or nationality; Yo-Yo Ma, a cellist who is dedicated to bringing classical music into the mainstream and promoting cultural exchange; Ieoh Ming Pei, who designed world-renowned signature landmarks; Debra Wong Yang, a fourth-generation immigrant and attorney defending women's rights; Jerry Yang, co-founder of Yahoo, the first popular online directory and search engine.

As is pointed out in the report, Chinese Americans contributed over US\$300 billion to US GDP in 2019 through consumer spending, supporting 3m jobs. However, it also indicates that anti-Chinese sentiment linked to the COVID-19 pandemic is threatening the safety and well-being of the Chinese American community.

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