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President of Committee of 100 and Chairman Gary Locke Host Media Roundtable; Expecting Biden's Efforts to Ease U.S.-China Tensions

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Huang Zhengyu (top) and Gary Locke (bottom) held a media roundtable online, sending a message to President Biden to ease US-China tensions. (Screenshot of video conference)

The Former U.S. Ambassador to China, Gary Locke, chairman of the Committee of 100, an elite group of Chinese Americans, said on 12th that the current tensions between the United States and China are extremely high, however, the Biden administration is

working diligently to cool it down. Even though more intense frictions and conflicts between the two countries are still foreseeable, he believed that China still wants to work with the United States, and there exists plenty of rooms for the cooperation between these two countries. Many misconducts made by the Trump administration that damaged the relations and cooperation between these two countries should be discarded as well.

The 2021 Committee of 100's annual conference, was hosted by President Huang Zhengyu and Chairman Gary Locke, at an online media roundtable on 12th. Since its inception, the duo missions of the Committee of 100 is to "promote the full participation of Chinese Americans in American society" and to "promote the development of mutually beneficial relations between the United States and China." Under the current high tensions between the United States and China, and the new circumstances of racism attacks on Chinese Americans, it becomes more clearer, that the Committee of 100 will exert more vital role as a bridge and will fulfill its historical mission.

Gary Locke mentioned that the tensions and frictions between the United States and China today is partly caused by the conflict of interests between these two countries, but also is partly caused by the wrong policies under the Trump presidency. Gary pointed out that the Trump administration had forced Chinese companies to pull out of the United States, asked Tik Tok and others to sell their U.S. businesses, and even targeted companies founded by Chinese Americans and Chinese people who were working for U.S. companies. It is completely wrong, Gary believed, that any U.S. businesses or individuals that have tights with the Chinese government shall be deemed as suspicious.

He also said that the Biden administration is trying to cool down the current tensions of the US-China relationship. These two countries have many common interests and shared problems that need to be addressed together, such as climate change, nuclear control, and combating international terrorism, etc. Plenty of rooms for cooperation were suspended by the U.S. side during the Trump administration. Gary proclaimed a belief that the Chinese government is still very willing to build partnerships with the United States, and there are numerous rooms for cooperation.

Huang Zhengyu also mentioned that with the deterioration of the relationship between the two governments, the civil diplomacy undertaken by the Committee of 100 is even more important, aiming to bring the two countries closer. He believed that as the Covid-19 pandemic improves and communication recovers, these exchanges can become intimate again.

Gary also claimed that it is normal for the U.S. government to have conflicts and contradictions with the Chinese government, but the governmental level and elected officials should not equate "Chinese" with "China", and they should not target the entire Chinese community when condemning and confronting the Chinese government, as the Trump administration had done. "The terminology is important; the Trump's statements such as 'China Virus' and 'Kung Fu Flu' are completely unacceptable.

Gary also pointed out that it is very important to work with other Asian groups and various ethnic communities when combating anti-Asian crimes. “The anti-Asian behaviors and rhetoric are not only unacceptable by the Committee of 100, and not only are unacceptable by the Asian community; but also the Africa-American community and the Hispanic community have to come forward and point out that it is unacceptable. Until the whole social community make their loud proclamations that Anti-Asian conduct is not acceptable, then a clear message could be sent to the public as a whole.”