



## 9th U.S.-China High-Level Political Party Leaders Dialogue



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Left to right: Guo Yezhou, Tom Ridge, David J. Firestein and Ronald Kirk.

A delegation of senior officials from the Communist Party of China (CPC) met with U.S. Democratic and Republican Party leaders and global business leaders in Washington, D.C. on November 14, 2016. These discussions were part of the U.S.-China High-Level Political Party Leaders Dialogue organized by the EastWest Institute (EWI) in partnership with the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC) and was the ninth round of this dialogue process.

The CPC delegation was led by Guo Yezhou, vice minister of the IDCPC and council chairman of IDCPC's in-house think tank, the China Center for Contemporary World Studies. Ronald Kirk, former United States trade representative and a former Dallas mayor, and Tom Ridge, first secretary of the Office of Homeland Security and former governor of Pennsylvania, led the U.S. Democratic and Republican delegations, which also included sitting party officers from both parties' national committees.

The propitious timing of the dialogue facilitated candid exchange and valuable insights into the outcome and future implications of the November 8, 2016 U.S. elections, prospective governing priorities of the Trump administration and the outcomes of the Sixth Plenary Session of the 18th CPC Central Committee. The delegates also discussed China's economic development and challenges and opportunities in U.S.-China relations. A highlight of the dialogue was the keynote presentation on the "Changing U.S. Political Landscape and 2016 U.S. Presidential Election Results" delivered by Geoffrey Garin, president of Hart Research, and Neil Newhouse, partner and co-founder of Public Opinion Strategies.

Following the CPC dialogue with the bipartisan U.S. delegation, the EastWest Institute also facilitated meetings for the CPC with senior Republican officials—former Republican National Committee (RNC) chairman Mike Duncan, current RNC treasurer Tony Parker and United States Economic and Security Review Commissioner Dan Slane—to further discuss campaign strategies and prospects for U.S.-China relations under the new Trump administration.

Launched in 2010, the U.S.-China High-Level Political Party Leaders Dialogue seeks to build understanding and trust between political elites from the United States and China through an exchange of views on governance and foreign policy issues. The next round of the dialogue will take place in 2017 in China.

# Meet the Delegates



Dialogue session.



Ross Perot, Jr. (left) and Guo Yezhou.



Robert N. Campbell III (left) and Carolyn Brehm.



Andrew Tobias (left) and Keynes Li.

## CHINESE DELEGATES

### **GUO Yezhou**

*Vice Minister, International Department, Central Committee, Communist Party of China*

### **MA Hui**

*Director General, Bureau for North American, Oceanian and Nordic Affairs, International Department, Central Committee, Communist Party of China*

### **TANG Fangyu**

*Director General, Bureau of Political Affairs, Central Policy Research Office, Central Committee, Communist Party of China*

### **YUAN Yangang**

*Deputy Director General, Department of Education, Science, Technology, Culture*

### **JIN Xin**

*Deputy Director General, China Center for Contemporary World Studies*

### **FU Shouqing**

*Member, Standing Committee, Haidian District Committee of Beijing, Communist Party of China*

## U.S. DELEGATES

### **Ronald KIRK**

*Former United States Trade Representative*

### **Tom RIDGE**

*First Secretary, Office of Homeland Security*

### **Howard BERMAN**

*Former United States Representative (D-CA)*

### **Andrew TOBIAS**

*Treasurer, Democratic National Committee*

### **Mike DUNCAN**

*Former Chairman, Republican National Committee*

### **Anthony W. PARKER**

*Treasurer, Republican National Committee*



**U.S. DELEGATES**  
(continued)

**Donald W. BOHN**

*Vice President, Global Government Affairs,  
Johnson & Johnson*

**Carolyn BREHM**

*Vice President, Global Government Relations and  
Public Policy, The Procter & Gamble Company*

**Matthew DORNY**

*General Counsel, Nu Skin Enterprises*

**Keynes LI**

*Chief Representative of Beijing,  
Nu Skin Greater China*

**Yajuan LU**

*Senior Manager, Government Affairs and Policy—  
China and Global Health Policy, Johnson & Johnson*

**Michael Z. QIU**

*Vice President and General Counsel—Asia, Global  
Brand Protection, The Procter & Gamble Company*

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*CEO and President, EastWest Institute*

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*Perot Fellow and Senior Vice President, Strategic  
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EastWest Institute*

**Christopher LaBIANCO**

*Vice President, Development, EastWest Institute*

**Joseph BILD**

*Managing Partner, BAI Corporation*



Donald W. Bohn (left) and Timothy P. Stratford.



Howard Berman (left) and Cameron Munter.



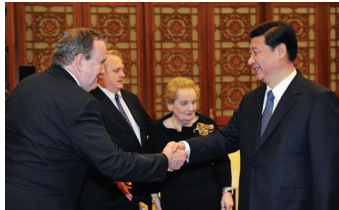
Left to right: David J. Firestein, Mike Duncan, Guo Yezhou and Anthony W. Parker.



Clockwise from bottom left: Dan Slane, David J. Firestein, Di Huishen, Cao Zhigang and Guo Yezhou.

# Dialogue Milestones (2010-2016)

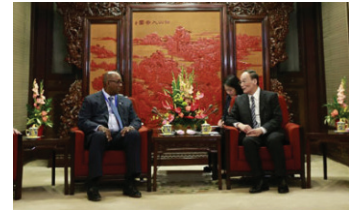
Meeting with then Vice President Xi Jinping



First meeting ever between the Communist Party of China and the Republican National Committee Chair



Meeting with Wang Qishan at Zhongnanhai



2010



Inaugural high-level political party leaders dialogue—first ever tripartite meeting of U.S. Democratic and Republican leaders and Communist Party of China officials

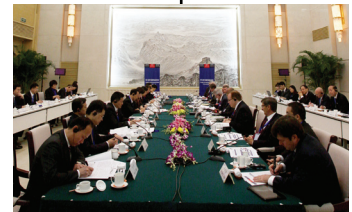
2011

2014



First meeting ever between the Communist Party of China and the Democratic National Committee Chair

2015



Highest-level visit ever to China by sitting officers of both major U.S. political parties

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