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Our Mission

By any measure, the strategic and economic importance of the Asia-Pacific to the global community has grown significantly in recent years. Yet, relations between the region's two most critical players, China and the U.S., remain challenging. Potential flashpoints between the two nations and among

neighboring countries in the region abound. Tensions and hotspot issues range from instability on the Korean peninsula and U.S. deployment of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system in South Korea to the territorial disputes in the East and South China Seas. China and the U.S. share one of the most

strategically important relationships in the world and must work together with other key players in the Asia-Pacific to solve challenges to regional and global security.

Since 2006, the EastWest Institute's Asia-Pacific program has created opportunities for constructive, high-level dialogues

that engage key U.S. and regional stakeholders from government, business and military to address security issues, to enhance risk assessment and crisis management. We have strengthened trust and developed original policy ideas, which are receiving attention in Washington, Beijing and Tokyo.

What We Do

U.S.-China Sanya Initiative

Since 2008, the **U.S.-China Sanya Initiative** has regularly assembled retired U.S. and Chinese four-star generals and admirals to build greater military-to-military understanding between the two countries and to mitigate the chance of escalation and miscalculation. Delegations have discussed a wide spectrum of strategic security issues, including North Korea, maritime issues in the South and East China Seas, China's military reform and counterterrorism. In doing so, they have offered concrete and tangible policy proposals for mitigating escalation and engaging in cooperation. Involvement of high-level retired officers from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, combined with retired members of the People's Liberation Army's General Armament Department and Joint Staff Department of the Central Military Commission, has allowed for frank exchanges on shifting U.S.-China security relations. In 2018, EWI will convene the talks in a more targeted format and commemorate the tenth anniversary of the talks.

U.S.-China High-Level Political Party Leaders Dialogue

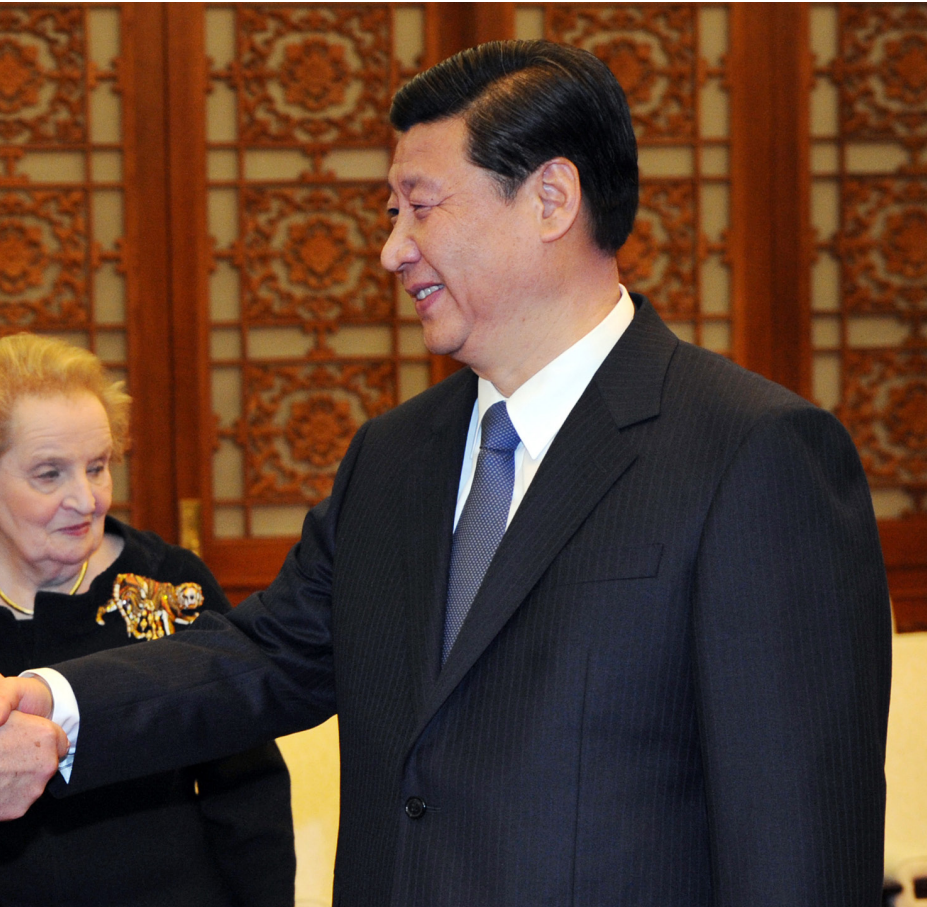
EWI's **U.S.-China High-Level Political Party Leaders Dialogue (P2P)** is the only U.S.-China dialogue process involving sitting officials from the Communist Party of China and the U.S. Democratic and Republican National Committees. Launched in 2010, the dialogue builds trust and understanding among political leaders from the U.S. and China through an exchange of views on domestic governance and foreign policy issues. The 10th dialogue came shortly after China's 19th



In 2010, U.S. delegates met with then Vice President Xi Jinping during the U.S.-China High-Level Political Party Leaders Dialogue in Beijing.



U.S. delegates meet with General Xu Qiliang, Vice Chairman of the Chinese Central Military Commission.



Party Congress and U.S. President Donald Trump's first visit to Asia and included exchanges with China's State Councilor Yang Jiechi, as well as with Minister Song Tao, who had recently served as China's envoy to North Korea. Past sessions have focused on the current political landscape, China's market economy status, the North Korean nuclear issue, as well as the rule of law and anti-corruption measures. Within this forum, representatives from U.S. and Chinese corporations have led panels and roundtables on trade, investment and other economic issues of common interest. In 2018, EWI will seek to diversify the participants within this dialogue and to enhance opportunities for corporate engagement.

U.S.-Japan Military-to-Military Dialogue

Launched in 2017 and building on EWI's track record in organizing Track 2 dialogues, the **U.S.-Japan Military-to-Military Dialogue** is a key piece of ongoing efforts to integrate more players from the Asia-Pacific region into our programming and outreach. This meeting facilitated exchange among retired four-star generals and admirals from the Japanese and U.S. militaries on issues of critical concern to both countries. Participants discussed challenges in the arenas of air, space, maritime, land and cyberspace and how to enhance confidence building measures among the militaries of Japan, the U.S., China and the Republic of Korea. This new series brought Japanese perspectives into EWI's programmatic work with an aim to bridge existing gaps and to identify creative solutions to mitigate friction between key regional players. In 2018, EWI will seek to convene more concentrated strategic and operational discussions with an eye to expanding representation from other Asia-Pacific countries in the future.



Amb. Cameron Munter and Foreign Minister Wang Yi.



Former U.S. and Japanese generals and admirals at the inaugural Japan-U.S. Military-to-Military Dialogue in Hickam Air Force Base, Honolulu.

Impact & Outreach

EWI's 2017 report, ***"Alternative" Strategic Perceptions in U.S.-China Relations*** reveals the differing strategic perceptions of the U.S. and China with respect to some of the most topical and challenging issues today. These stark contrasts often fuel mistrust and broader mutual strategic suspicion that impact official policy.

By exposing the diverging perceptions of the two countries, this report's direct and concise analysis creates the foundation for a more honest, constructive and mutually beneficial dialogue.

Building upon this foundation, EWI will initiate a new series of roundtables in 2018. Launched with the first **U.S.-China Strategic Seminar on "China and the U.S. in the Next Decade,"** these meetings will convene public and private stakeholders on U.S.-China strategic and trade relations, with later series on Southeast Asia and South Asia. The seminars will develop innovative ideas and solutions, enhance communication among disparate parties and anticipate new challenges and solutions. From these discussions, EWI will generate policy briefs to impact long-term U.S. strategic and economic planning in the Asia-Pacific region.

EWI is a unique institution and does immense good in the world. The P2P process is just one example of the direct impact that this organization has on enhancing mutual understanding and diminishing the chances of miscalculation among U.S. and Chinese senior officials, representing all political parties."

— **Tony Parker**
Treasurer, Republican National Committee

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