



U.S.-China Sanya Initiative

Report from the 7th meeting



U.S. and Chinese delegates outside of the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C.

The EastWest Institute (EWI), in partnership with the China Association for International Friendly Contact (CAIFC), convened the seventh meeting of the U.S.-China Sanya Initiative from July 6 to 9, 2016. Senior retired flag officers of the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force met with retired flag officers of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) in Washington, D.C. and New York City to discuss critical issues in the U.S.-China military-to-military relationship. The meeting occurred against the backdrop of an impending arbitral decision on the China-Philippines dispute over territorial claims in the South China Sea and a fractious U.S. presidential election campaign. While in Washington, D.C., the delegations met with Senators John McCain (R-AZ) and Tom Cotton (R-AR) from the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services, Congressman Rick Larsen (D-WA) of the U.S.-China Working Group and Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Russel. In New York, the delegations spent two days in off-the-record dialogue and also met with C.V. Starr & Co., Inc. Chairman and CEO Maurice Greenberg.

Substantive and candid discussions during the week focused on a number of key strategic and security issues. Participants exchanged views on China's military reform and defense policy; maritime issues in the South and East China Seas; U.S. deployment of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) anti-missile system in South Korea; cross-strait relations; and other issues of mutual interest such as North Korea, cybersecurity and counterterrorism. Both sides agreed that continued dialogue, transparency and mutual trust are essential to fostering bilateral relations and avoiding strategic misjudgment.

Since 2008, the Sanya Initiative has regularly brought together retired U.S. and Chinese senior generals and admirals in order to build stronger military-to-military ties between the two countries.

Chinese Officers



General (Ret.) **Li Andong**
Former Deputy Chief,
General Equipment Department,
People's Liberation Army



General (Ret.) **Zhu Wenquan**
Former Commander,
Nanjing Military Area Command,
People's Liberation Army



Lieutenant General (Ret.) **Chen Yong**
Former Assistant to the
Chief of the General Staff,
People's Liberation Army



Lieutenant General (Ret.) **Chen Xiaogong**
Former Deputy Commander,
People's Liberation Army Air Force



Vice Admiral (Ret.) **Ding Yiping**
Former Deputy Commander,
People's Liberation Army Navy

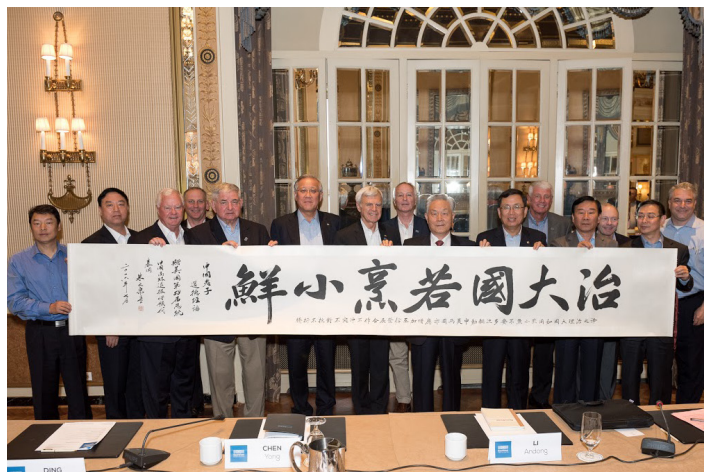
Additional Chinese and U.S. delegates included China Association for International Friendly Contact Vice Chairman Mr. **Xin Qi** and EastWest Institute representatives Ambassador **Cameron Munter**, Mr. **John K. Hurley**, Mr. **David J. Firestein** and Colonel (Ret.) **James L. Creighton**.



Senators Tom Cotton and John McCain address U.S. and Chinese delegates.



Mr. Xin Qi, Ambassador Cameron Munter, Admiral William A. Owens, General Li Andong and Mr. Maurice Greenberg at dinner in New York.



U.S. and Chinese delegates exchange gifts in New York.

U.S. Officers



Admiral (Ret.) **William A. Owens**
Former Vice Chairman,
Joint Chiefs of Staff



General (Ret.) **Ronald R. Fogleman**
Former Chief of Staff,
United States Air Force



General (Ret.) **Raymond T. Odierno**
Former Chief of Staff,
United States Army;
Former Commander,
United States Joint Forces Command



Admiral (Ret.) **Timothy J. Keating**
Former Commander,
United States Pacific Command;
Former Commander,
United States Northern Command;
Former Commander,
North American Aerospace Defense
Command



General (Ret.) **Charles H. Jacoby, Jr.**
Former Commander,
United States Northern Command;
Former Commander,
North American Aerospace
Defense Command



Lieutenant General (Ret.)
Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr.
Former Commanding General,
United States Army Corps of Engineers
Defense Command



U.S. and Chinese delegates meet with Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Russel.



A breakout group discussion in New York on regional security issues.



U.S. and Chinese delegates and staff in Washington, D.C.

U.S. and Chinese Delegation Activities

Meeting with Congressman **Rick Larsen** (D-WA), Co-Chair, U.S.-China Working Group



Meeting with Senators **John McCain** (R-AZ), Chairman and **Tom Cotton** (R-AR), Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services



New York Mets vs. Washington Nationals baseball game at Citi Field



New York



Washington, D.C.

Meeting with Mr. **Daniel Russel**, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Two days of **dialogue** on the U.S.-China military-to-military relationship and other issues of mutual interest



Dinner with prominent members of the **New York City business community**



Meeting with Mr. **Maurice R. Greenberg**, Chairman and CEO, C.V. Starr & Co., Inc.

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