



7th U.S.-China High-Level Political Party Leaders Dialogue

As part of the ongoing U.S.-China High-Level Political Party Leaders Dialogue, organized by the EastWest Institute in partnership with the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), a delegation of CPC senior officials met with U.S. Democratic and Republican Party leaders as well as current and former U.S. officials in Washington, D.C. and New Jersey from May 5-7, 2014.

Wang Jiarui, vice chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and the minister of the International Department of the CPC's Central Committee, led the CPC delegation in this seventh iteration of the U.S.-China High-Level Political Party Leaders Dialogue. Edward Rendell, former general chair of the Democratic National Committee and former governor of Pennsylvania, and Robert M. Duncan, former chairman of the Republican National Committee, led the U.S. delegation, which also included sitting party officers from both committees.

Dialogue sessions highlighted the measures that the CPC has taken to implement the reform plan outlined last November at the Third Plenary Session of the 18th CPC Central Committee as well as the upcoming U.S. mid-term elections and their implications for the 2016 presidential elections. The delegates also discussed President Obama's recent visit to Asia and the effects of U.S. and Chinese domestic politics on U.S.-China relations. In addition, the CPC delegation met with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, among other activities.

The U.S.-China High-Level Political Party Leaders Dialogue, launched in 2010, 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.



Vice Chairman Wang Jiarui, Governor Chris Christie and EWI Chairman Ross Perot, Jr.

U.S. Delegates



Edward G. Rendell

A former general chair of the Democratic National Committee, Ed Rendell served as governor of Pennsylvania from 2003 to 2011. In 2011, Rendell returned to his former law firm, the Philadelphia-based Ballard Spahr LLP, where he is now a special counsel. He also currently serves as a consultant or board member for several green and alternative energy firms and teaches government and politics courses at the University of Pennsylvania.



Tulsi Gabbard

Tulsi Gabbard is the U.S. representative for Hawaii's 2nd congressional district and has served as a vice chair of the Democratic National Committee since January 2013. She is one of the first two female combat veterans, first Hindu and first female of Samoan ancestry to ever serve as a member of the U.S. Congress. Gabbard also remains a captain in the Hawaii National Guard's 29th Brigade Combat Team.



Andrew Tobias

Andrew Tobias has served as the treasurer of the Democratic National Committee since 1999. An accomplished writer, Tobias has written a number of *New York Times* best-sellers and is the recipient of the Gerald Loeb Award for Distinguished Business and Financial Journalism, *Harvard Magazine's* 1998 Smith-Weld Prize and the Consumer Federation of America Media Service Award.



Robert M. Duncan

Robert "Mike" Duncan served as the 60th chairman of the Republican National Committee from 2007 to 2009. He held a wide variety of positions within the committee, including treasurer from 2001 to 2003 and general counsel from 2003 to 2007. Since September 2012, Duncan has been the president and CEO of the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity, an advocacy group representing major American coal producers, utility companies and railroads.



Anthony W. Parker

Tony Parker is the treasurer of the Republican National Committee. He was also the treasurer for the 2012 Republican National Convention and served on President George W. Bush's national finance team. Parker is the founder and CEO of Parker Tide Corporation, a government contracting company, and also serves on the board of directors of four NASDAQ companies.



Timothy Stratford

Tim Stratford is the managing partner in Covington & Burling LLP's Beijing office and a member of its International Trade, Corporate and Government Affairs Practice Groups. As a former assistant U.S. trade representative, Stratford is the most senior former American trade official working in the U.S. business community in China. Stratford has also served at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and with the American Chamber of Commerce in China.

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Howard Berman

Howard Berman was a U.S. representative from California for 30 years and served as the chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs from 2008 to 2011. He is now a senior advisor for the Public Policy and Government Affairs Practice Group at Covington & Burling LLP. Berman is also on the board of trustees of the Asia Foundation and the board of the National Democratic Institute.



Robert N. Campbell III

Bob Campbell is the founder and CEO of Campbell Global Services, LLC, a public-policy-oriented management consultancy. Campbell worked at Deloitte LLP for 39 years and led the startup of Deloitte's U.S. Federal Practice in 2001. He is a member of the executive committee of the EastWest Institute's board of directors and serves as chairman of the advisory council for The University of Texas at Austin's Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs.



David J. Firestein

David Firestein is the EastWest Institute's Perot Fellow and vice president for the Strategic Trust-Building Initiative and Track 2 Diplomacy. A career U.S. diplomat from 1992 to 2010, Firestein is an expert on China, Russia, public diplomacy and U.S. politics. He served at the U.S. embassies in Beijing and Moscow, speaks near native-level Chinese and fluent Russian and has interpreted for senior U.S. officials in both languages.

Communist Party of China Delegates



Wang Jiarui

Wang Jiarui is a vice chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and also leads the International Department of the Central Committee of the CPC. With a career in the CPC spanning over four decades, he has held various posts across a number of government and party agencies. He was appointed a vice minister of the International Department in 2000 and was promoted to minister in 2003.



Mu Hong

Mu Hong is vice chairman and party leadership group member of the National Development and Reform Commission. Mu began his career at the State Planning Commission before joining the National Development and Reform Commission. From 2004 to 2005, Mu was part of the leadership of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.



Zhang Shujun

Zhang Shujun is the vice minister and secretary-general of the Party History Research Centre of the Central Committee of the CPC. He has worked at the Party History Research Centre since 1985.



Xu Lyuping

Xu Lyuping is an assistant minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the CPC and was previously the director-general of the department's Personnel Bureau. She joined the International Department in 1982 and was appointed assistant minister in 2014.

Communist Party of China Delegation Activities

Dialogue with prominent Democrats and Republicans, led by **Edward G. Rendell**, former general chair of the Democratic National Committee, and **Robert M. Duncan**, former chairman of the Republican National Committee.



Presentation on U.S. public opinion towards China by **Frank Newport**, editor in chief of Gallup



Meeting with former U.S. Secretary of State **Henry Kissinger**

Visit to **Johnson & Johnson** and presentation by senior executives on U.S. and Chinese health care reform

Meeting with U.S. Secretary of State **John Kerry**

Meeting with New Jersey Governor **Chris Christie**



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