A high-level U.S. delegation led by EastWest Institute (EWI) CEO and President Cameron Munter held five days of meetings with top Chinese officials and experts from May 9-13, 2016, in Beijing for the 10th U.S.-China High-Level Security Dialogue. The meetings, organized by EWI in partnership with the China Institute of International Studies, occurred against the backdrop of major economic transitions within China and a tumultuous U.S. presidential election campaign.

The High-Level Security Dialogue is an annual dialogue between U.S. and Chinese academics, former and current military and government officials, and business leaders. This year’s discussions led to new insights and policy ideas on both sides. Members of the EWI delegation also held the first public outreach event in the history of the High-Level Security Dialogue process: a public forum on the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign, co-hosted by the Renmin University of China and Consensus Media Group and widely attended by Renmin University students and faculty and members of major Chinese media and social media outlets.

Substantive and candid discussions during the week focused on a range of highly topical U.S.-China and China issues, including current tensions in the South China Sea, cross-Strait relations on the eve of Tsai Ing-wen’s inauguration, North Korea, China’s “One Belt, One Road” initiative, China’s domestic political situation, and the status of its national anti-corruption campaign.
Meet the U.S. Delegates

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Left to right: Eugene E. Habiger, Robert S. Wang and Paul Haenle at the China Institute of International Studies.

James R. Blaker (left) and Timothy P. Stratford at the China Institute of International Studies.

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Eugene E. Habiger (left) and M. Joseph Bild at the Renmin University of China.

David J. Firestein (left) speaks to students at the Renmin University of China.

Robert L. Holden (left) and Robert N. Campbell III at the China Institute of International Studies.
U.S. Delegation Activities

Full-day discussion at the China Institute of International Studies on foreign policy decision-making processes, the U.S.-China bilateral relationship, Asia-Pacific regional relations, global U.S.-China cooperation and the impact of domestic issues on the U.S.-China relationship.

Meeting with Ambassador Max Baucus at the Embassy of the United States in Beijing.

Briefing and discussion on public diplomacy at the National Institute of Strategic Communication at Peking University.

Discussion with military scholars at the Academy of Military Science of the People’s Liberation Army on Chinese military reforms and the implications of technological progress for strategic transparency and trust.

Half-day discussion at the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations on hotspot issues in the U.S.-China relationship.

Meeting with Vice Minister Guo Yezhou of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

Briefing and discussion with representatives of the Horizon Research Consultancy Group on Chinese public opinion.


Clockwise from top: discussions at the China Institute of International Studies; Robert L. Holden (left) meets Vice Minister Guo Yezhou; Joel Cowan at the Renmin University of China; Cameron Munter (left) meets with Major General Nie Songlai at the Academy of Military Science; James R. Blaker, Joel Cowan and Timothy Stratford at the National Institute of Strategic Communication.

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