A select delegation of leaders from the U.S. Democratic and Republican Parties and the global business community traveled to Beijing, China to meet with senior officials from the Communist Party of China (CPC) on November 18-21, 2019. The discussions were part of the 11th 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).

Launched in 2010, the U.S.-China High-Level Political Party Leaders Dialogue seeks to build understanding and trust between political elites from the U.S. and China through candid exchanges of views on topics ranging from local governance to foreign policy concerns. The dialogue process consistently involves sitting officers from the CPC and the U.S. Democratic and Republican National Committees.

In the 11th iteration of the dialogue, the CPC delegation was led by Song Tao, minister of IDCPC. Gary Locke, former secretary of the United States Department of Commerce, former governor for the state of Washington and former United States Ambassador of China; and Alphonso Jackson, former secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; lead the U.S. Democratic and Republican delegations, respectively. Throughout the dialogue, members of both delegations spoke freely on relevant topics including foreign policy trends, trade disputes and emerging areas of economic cooperation.

EWI facilitated a series of meetings for the U.S. delegation, which included a productive meeting with Wang Qishan, vice president of the People’s Republic of China at the Great Hall of the People. The delegates also met with Yang Jiechi, director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs; Dai Bingguo, former state councilor of the People’s Republic of China; and Lu Kang, director of the Department of North American and Oceanian Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The U.S. delegates visited the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and met with their president, Jin Liqun, as well as the Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University to engage prominent scholars on the future of the U.S.-China relationship.
Meet the Delegates

**Chinese Delegates**

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Minister, IDCPC

**CAO Dewang**  
Chairman, Fuyao Glass Industry Group

**CHEN Chuxin**  
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**GUO Yezhou**  
Vice Minister, IDCPC

**LI Xiaohua**  
Deputy Director-General, International Bureau, Policy Research Office, IDCPC

**LIU Jinghua**  
Vice President, China Economic Cooperation Center, IDCPC

**LUAN Jianzhang**  
Director-General, Research Bureau, IDCPC

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Deputy Director, Office of Humanities and Social Sciences, Peking University

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**ZHOU Rongguo**  
Acting Director-General, Bureau for North American, Oceanian and Nordic Affairs, IDCPC

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Gary Locke and Guo Yezhou

Left to right: William Parker, Christopher Adams and Timothy Stratford
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**Edward W. Gillespie**  
Former Chairman, Republican National Committee

**Alphonso Jackson**  
Former Secretary, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

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Dialogue Milestones (2010-2019)

- 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 the Great Hall of the People.
- Inaugural high-level political party leaders dialogue—first ever tripartite meeting of U.S. Democratic and Republican leaders and Communist Party of China officials
- First meeting ever between the Communist Party of China and the Democratic National Committee Chair
- Highest level U.S. delegation since 2012.

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