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Founded in 2005, China General Chamber of Commerce - USA ("CGCC") has been recognized as the largest and most impactful non-profit organization representing Chinese enterprises in the U.S. As an independent, non-partisan, non-governmental chamber of commerce, CGCC provides a broad range of programs, services, and resources to over a thousand multinational members across the U.S., with a mission to create value, generate economic growth, and enhance cooperation between the U.S. and Chinese business communities.



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Established in 2014, CGCC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. The mission of CGCC Foundation is to deepen mutual understanding and cooperation between the U.S. and China through research, public charity, and engagement in economic, cultural, and social exchanges.

Building Trust Connecting People Expanding Cooperation



Celebrating “Together Towards Tomorrow” at the China General Chamber of Commerce-USA Lunar New Year Gala



NEW YORK, NY – On Thursday, January 18th, 2024, China General Chamber of Commerce – USA (CGCC) and CGCC Foundation, the largest and most impactful non-profit, non-governmental, non-partisan organization representing Chinese enterprises in the United States, hosted its 2024 Lunar New Year of the Dragon Gala at Cipriani 42nd Street in Manhattan.

With the theme of “Together Towards Tomorrow,” the gala gathered about 400 of the uppermost business leaders, government officials, and representatives from the U.S. and Chinese business communities to celebrate influential American and Chinese business leaders and companies in recognition of their cross-border cooperation and contributions to local communities.

The official program began with an elegant opening performance of “Passacaglia” by Handel-Halvorsen by two talented musicians from The Philadelphia Orchestra, an emblem of people-to-people exchange between the U.S. and China. In 1973, The Philadelphia Orchestra became the first American orchestra to perform in China. Since that first visit, the Orchestra has returned to China multiple times, continuing its long-term relationship with the Chinese people in concert halls and educational institutions.

The opening performance was followed by remarks from Chairman of CGCC, President and CEO of Bank of China U.S.A., Wei HU.

Hundreds from the U.S.-China business communities come together to celebrate cross-border cooperation and contributions to local communities



Minister Xueyuan XU, Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States, was invited to deliver a keynote speech. On behalf of the Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Feng XIE, Minister Xueyuan XU first congratulated the Chamber on another successful event and extended her warmest greetings for the Lunar New Year of the Dragon to guests.

During her remarks, Minister XU expressed a positive sentiment for the future of the bilateral relationship. “We look forward to working closely with the U.S. side to follow up on the significant outcomes achieved at the summit [San Francisco Summit] and restore China-U.S. relations to the track of sound and stable development so that enterprises of both countries can do business at ease and prosper together,” said XU.



Throughout his remarks, Chairman HU reflected on the 45th anniversary of the establishment of U.S.- China relations and its significance in CGCC's journey as an organization whose role is integral in the growth and development of the bilateral relationship.

“Reflecting on our journey, we see a tapestry of resilience and progress, woven through decades of shared efforts and mutual understanding. The theme of our Gala, ‘Together Towards Tomorrow,’ resonates profoundly as we commemorate this milestone. It symbolizes our enduring commitment to forging a future where our people can continue to thrive, fostering peace, stability and prosperity for our nations and the entire world,” said HU.

Introduced by Ray Dalio, the CGCC 2022 Gala Principle Award Honoree and Founder, CIO Mentor, and Member of the Bridgewater Board, Raj Subramaniam, President and Chief Executive Officer of FedEx, was honored with the International Leadership Award. With over three decades of experience, Mr. Subramaniam’s insights and commitment to globalization have left an indelible mark on the global business landscape. His visionary leadership and profound contributions to global commerce have not only elevated FedEx to new heights but have also served as a beacon of innovation in the transportation and logistics industry.

During his remarks, Subramaniam spoke about the importance of bringing people together.

“No matter our industry, ideals, or cause, we can all commit ourselves to the greater good — to finding a purpose and leading with purpose, to closing chasms that separate us, and acting collectively for progress and change,” Subramaniam said. “That is the essence of leadership — and it is not reserved for CEOs, presidents, and executives — it is within all of us.”

Subramaniam’s remarks were followed by special remarks from Ambassador R. Nicholas Burns, Ambassador of the United States of America to the People’s Republic of China and Minister Wentao WANG, Minister of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China.



Introduced by Vice-Chairman of CGCC and President of Wanxiang America Corporation, Pin NI, R. Nicholas Burns, Ambassador of the United States of America to the People’s Republic of China, began his remarks by taking a moment to acknowledge the great impact of the late Dr. Henry Kissinger, the CGCC 2023 Gala Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree, 56th U.S. Secretary of State and pivotal figure in the normalization of U.S.- China relations.

Ambassador Burns continued his remarks emphasizing the improved communication between the U.S. and China, citing the success of meetings between government officials and the encouragement of people-to-people exchange with the restarting of more frequent flights between the two countries.



“I report to you this evening that the U.S.- China relationship has notably stabilized, there is certainly better communication between our governments than was the case 8 or 9 months ago. “We’ve agreed to promote and strengthen dialogue and cooperation between the U.S. and China in a number of fields including artificial intelligence, counter drug cooperation...,” said Burns.

Minister Wentao WANG, Minister of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China, also gave special remarks where he expressed his best wishes for the event and spoke on the committed efforts of the Ministry of Commerce.

“In 2024, to deliver on the important consensus of the two presidents, the Ministry of Commerce will work hard with all the stakeholders including the Chinese and U.S. business communities to foster enabling conditions for trade and economic exchanges at all levels,” said WANG.



Presented by Ping HUANG, Consul General of the People’s Republic of China in New York, the Outstanding Community Contribution Award was jointly awarded to Las Vegas Sands and BSE Global in recognition of their unwavering dedication to community prosperity and global networks.

Following the acceptance remarks was an energetic dance performance by the Brooklynettes Dancers, the official dance team of the Brooklyn Nets.



Above: Robert G. Goldstein, Chairman and CEO of Las Vegas Sands, accepts the Outstanding Community Contribution Award on behalf of Las Vegas Sands.

Left and Top: Raj Subramaniam, President and Chief Executive Officer of FedEx, accepts the International Leadership Award.

Bottom Left: Sam Zussman, CEO of BSE Global, accepts the Outstanding Community Contribution Award on behalf of BSE Global.

Bottom Right: Ping HUANG, Consul General of the People’s Republic of China in New York, presents the Outstanding Community Contribution Award.





Michael J. Franco, President and CFO of Vornado Realty Trust, helped close the event program by introducing the last speaker of the night, Kate Barton, EY Global Vice-Chair Emeritus, who reflected on her participation in “CGCC Women in Business” program and recognized CGCC’s continuous efforts in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion.

CGCC and CGCC Foundation express their sincerest appreciation to all the 2024 Gala speakers, honorees, sponsors, and attendees for being a vital part of this special occasion and contributing to its success. CGCC wishes everyone a Happy Lunar New Year of the Dragon and looks forward to connecting people, building trust, and expanding cooperation between the U.S.- Chinese business communities in the new year.

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