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100 STRONG NEWS

JAN 2011: ABC News Coverage of Michelle Obama Howard Event

JAN 2011: CNN Coverage of Michelle Obama Howard Event

JAN 2011: Washington Post Article on Michelle Obama Howard Event

DEC 2010: Wall Street Journal Article

NOV 2010: Chinese Press Coverage of McGiffert Visit

NOV 2010: Chinese Press Coverage

OCT 2010: Secretary Clinton Honolulu Remarks

MAY 2010: Chinese Press Coverage of Agreement

MAY 2010: Secretary Clinton Remarks at Signing Ceremony

NOV 2009: President Obama Announcement



A Message From Director Carola McGiffert

Last week was an important week for U.S.-China relations, and an exciting one for the 100,000 Strong Initiative. The visit of Chinese President Hu Jintao yielded substantive discussions on issues of mutual interest, as well as a celebration of people-to-people ties, particularly those forged through educational exchanges.

For the 100,000 Strong Initiative, the highlight was First Lady Michelle Obama's remarks about U.S.-China educational exchange, which she delivered at Howard University on Wednesday, January 19. She also announced \$3.25 million in private sector pledges in support of the Initiative, and two important pilot programs targeting community college and DC public high school students. Assistant Secretary of State Ann Stock led a discussion with four students about the value of their study abroad experience in China.

The 100,000 Strong Initiative was also cited in the Joint Statement of Presidents Barack Obama and Hu Jintao, and in a major speech on U.S.-China relations by Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton leading up to President Hu's visit.

In this special edition of the 100,000 Strong newsletter, we would like to bring your attention to these and other key developments of the week.

Enjoy!

Carola McGiffert is Director of the 100,000 Strong Initiative and senior advisor to the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and the Pacific.

100,000 STRONG LINKS

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[CSIS US-China Policy](#)

Advisory Roundtable
Podcast

Bureau of Educational
and Cultural Affairs

IIE OpenDoors 2010
Report



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- **Presidents Barack Obama and Hu Jintao** affirmed their two governments support for increased U.S.-China educational exchange and, in particular, the 100,000 Strong Initiative in a joint statement.
 - **Read the U.S.-China [Joint Statement](#).**
- **First Lady Michelle Obama** spoke to over 1000 students from public, private and parochial K-12 schools, colleges and universities from the DC metropolitan area and around the country about the importance of studying abroad in China. At the January 19 event at Howard University, she was also joined by a panel of four students who have studied in China, including several alumni of U.S. government-sponsored exchanges and Lyric Carter, the DC Public School student featured in our last newsletter.
 - **See the White House [press release](#) and [photos](#), and read the [transcript](#) of the First Lady's remarks.**
- **Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton** highlighted the 100,000 Strong Initiative at the Inaugural Richard C. Holbrooke Lecture in a speech entitled, "A Broad Vision of U.S.-China Relations in the 21st Century."
 - **Read the transcript [here](#) and watch the video [here](#).**
- **Chicago Mayor Richard Daley** announced that Motorola Solutions Foundation's \$100,000 pledge in support of the 100,000 Strong Initiative will go to Chicago Public Schools. He also announced a \$1 million gift by Tom Pritzker to bring Chinese students to Chicago's Arts Institute.
 - **View Mayor Daley's [remarks](#).**
- **Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell** and the **Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the United States Zhang Yesui** talked about the importance of people-to-people ties and the 100,000 Strong Initiative in the lead-up to President Hu's visit.
 - **Watch the podcast in [English](#) and [Chinese](#) at [CSIS.org](#).**

ADDITIONAL LINKS

- [Asia Society's Confucius Classrooms Participate in First Lady Event](#)
- [Boston Renaissance Charter Public School and Global Village Academy Send Students to First Lady Event](#)
- [Howard University Welcomes First Lady to Campus](#)
- [CNN Highlights a Student's Experience in China Through School Year Abroad](#)
- [Citigroup Announces \\$1 million Commitment in Support of 100,000 Strong](#)
- [Motorola Solutions Foundation Announces \\$100,000 Grant to Chicago](#)

Public Schools for 100,000 Strong

UPCOMING EVENTS 2011

Following are upcoming events hosted by organizations with which we are working closely. Please do not hesitate to bring additional events to our attention.

- **February 13-16:** ACCT Legislative Session (DC)
- **February 16:** 100K Strong: Community Colleges & China Discussion (DC)
- **March 18:** IIE Best Practices Conference (NYC)
- **March 30 - April 3:** AAS-ICAS 2011 Joint Conference (Honolulu)
- **April 14-16:** The Asia Society and The College Board's National Language Conference (San Francisco)
- **May 29 - June 3:** NAFSA Conference (Vancouver)

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERS

Please join the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education for a discussion about the importance of study abroad for Community College students, and how to expand opportunities and resources to ensure broader access.

**Wednesday, February 16
2:00 - 3:30 pm**

**U.S. Department of State
Harry S. Truman Building
2201 C Street, NW**

featuring

Kurt M. Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and the Pacific
Brenda Dann-Messier, Assistant Secretary of Education for Vocational and Adult Education

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