



Institute for Education
Civility Award 2009 Opinion Leaders Dinner Forum

“China 中华人民共和国 and the United States: A Vital Partnership”

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Dear Guests 尊敬的来宾,

欢迎 and **Nǐ hǎo**. It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2009 Civility Award: IFE Opinion Leaders Dinner Forum. For 17 years the Institute for Education (IFE) has worked to promote civility and leadership locally, nationally, and globally. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for joining us tonight – it is through your generosity that IFE is able to continue the important work that it does. We are also grateful to our sponsors for making this evening possible.

We proudly present the 2009 IFE Civility Award to His Excellency Zhou Wenzhong, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the United States, in honor of China's outstanding performance in the 29th Olympiad and, more importantly, its leadership on the world stage. We hope that this event will mark a new chapter in relations between IFE and Chinese leaders.

Past IFE Civility Award recipients include Congressman Tom Davis, Senator Susan Collins, Mayor Anthony Williams, and Mayor Adrian Fenty. The extraordinary nature of China's rise in the new century compelled us to reach beyond our borders this year and honor a world leader for displaying civility. We thank the Ambassador for hosting tonight's dinner in the Chinese Embassy's breathtaking new chancery, designed by world-renowned architect I.M. Pei, and hope that all of you take the chance to tour it before our program begins.

In addition to honoring Ambassador Zhou, the evening will also feature a vibrant discussion with esteemed opinion leaders. The topic will be "China and the United States: A Vital Partnership". The first of its kind, this exciting dinner forum has three purposes: first, to provide an outstanding opportunity for leaders in government, business, and media to network with one another; second, to cultivate enduring friendships between those leaders in the spirit of civility; and third, to generate support for IFE's ongoing work to promote better relations between the United States and China.

IFE believes that camaraderie, civility, trust, and dialogue must anchor our efforts to generate solutions to the world's pressing challenges. As the relationship between our two countries grows ever more important, we cannot think of a more fitting way to recognize it than to honor Ambassador Zhou with our 2009 Civility Award.

Warm regards 祝好,

George Vradenburg
Chairman, Institute for Education Civility Program

Morton Kondracke
Trustee, Institute for Education

Kathy Kemper
Founder and CEO, Institute for Education

Evening Program

Welcome

Kathy Kemper, Founder and CEO

Dinner and Opinion Leaders Forum

Remarks

George Vradenburg, Civility Chair

**Presentation of IFE Civility Award to His Excellency Zhou Wenzhong,
Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the United States**

Closing Remarks

Morton Kondracke

Opinion Leaders (*Confirmed as of April 17, 2009*)

Jim Angle

FOX News

Gerard Baker

The Wall Street Journal

David Broder

The Washington Post

Eleanor Clift

Newsweek; "The
McLaughlin Group"

Nina Easton

Fortune

Tom Friedman

The New York Times

Jennifer Griffin

FOX News

Hugo Gurdon

The Hill

John Harwood

CNBC

Ed Henry

CNN

Katty Kay

BBC World News America

Mark Kirk

Member of Congress
(R-IL); Co-Chair of the
U.S.-China Working
Group

Morton Kondracke

Roll Call; FOX News

Rick Larsen

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(D-WA); Co-Chair of the
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Group

Alan Murray

The Wall Street Journal

Tom Omestad

US News & World Report

Norm Ornstein

American Enterprise
Institute

John Pomfret

The Washington Post

David Sanger

The New York Times

Jerry Seib

The Wall Street Journal

Jake Tapper

ABC News

Juan Williams

National Public Radio;
The Washington Post;
FOX News

Judy Woodruff

PBS' "The News Hour
with Jim Lehrer"

Bob Woodward

The Washington Post

Zhou Wenzhong
*Ambassador of the People's Republic of
China to the United States*

Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the United States of America in 2005.

Ambassador Zhou was born in Jiangsu Province. After studying at Bath University and London School of Economics of the United Kingdom for two years, he joined the Department of Translation and Interpretation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China in 1975.



From 1978 to 1983, he served as Attaché and Third Secretary at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States of America in Washington, DC. He then returned to the Department of Translation and Interpretation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, rising to serve as Second Secretary, Deputy Division Director and Division Director. In 1987, he was named Deputy Consul General of the People's Republic of China in San Francisco and was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Barbados and to Antigua and Barbuda in 1990.

Ambassador Zhou returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1993 as Deputy Director General of the Department of North American and Oceanian Affairs. He then served as Consul General of China to Los Angeles in 1994 and as Minister and DCM of the Chinese Embassy in Washington, DC in 1995. He served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Commonwealth of Australia from 1998 to 2001, and then returned to China as Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 2003, he was named Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of China.

愿中美两国友谊长存，共同发展。

May the friendship between the US and China grow deeper and stronger together.

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The Institute for Education's (IFE) mission is to recognize, encourage, and promote civility and leadership locally, nationally, and in the world community. IFE also encourages youth global citizenship with programs that foster intercultural understanding.

IFE convenes political, business, media, and community leaders at the highest levels to encourage collaboration and foster civility. IFE's success in establishing common ground presents opportunities for leaders to share knowledge and explore innovative solutions to the most critical challenges of our time, while also helping to strengthen public policy outcomes and encourage greater global understanding.



Coach
Kemper, Tom
Friedman and
Ambassador
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Youth Global Citizenship: Educating for the Next Generation of World Citizens

IFE designs and sponsors programs that educate for global citizenship and intercultural understanding. We work to prepare students for the world community and our connected economies. Students from public and private schools in the greater Washington, DC area are encouraged to actively address world social, economic, and environmental issues, while teachers receive assistance in integrating a greater international focus into their curricula.

IFE believes it is our responsibility to ensure that young people are prepared to become productive members of the world community. In order to succeed on the world stage, today's youth must be multilingual, multicultural, and they must think in international terms. In essence, they must have high cultural IQs.



IFE interns with Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong, and IFE CEO Coach Kemper

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LearnServes are immersion programs for teams of high school students and teachers who travel to various regions of the world each year to study global issues and successful models for sustainable change. In 2007, teams traveled to China, Paraguay, Poland and Zambia. In 2008, a special LearnBusiness Japan included an economic

focus. Teacher-student teams return to their schools to report on lessons learned and encourage an expanded international curriculum so that all students can become more competent to thrive in a “flat world.”



LearnServe China Youth Global Citizens with Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong



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