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MISSION STATEMENT

Committee of 100 is a national non-profit, non-partisan organization that brings a Chinese American perspective to issues concerning Asian Americans and U.S. relations with China. The Committee pools the experience, knowledge and resources of Chinese Americans who have achieved prominence in a variety of fields. The two-fold mission is:

To encourage constructive relations between the peoples of the United States and Greater China.

To encourage the full participation of Chinese Americans in all fields of American life.



COMMITTEE OF 100

MISSION AND BACKGROUND

*Seeking Common Ground
While Respecting Differences*

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BACKGROUND

Committee of 100 was conceived in 1989 by the famed architect I.M. Pei, who was inundated with calls from reporters seeking his reaction, as an influential Chinese American, to the Tiananmen Square incident. Pei felt that no single individual could adequately represent the Chinese American perspective and envisioned a group of prominent Chinese Americans joining together to serve as a strong voice on behalf of the community. By 1990 the organization's by-laws were established, and a core group of I.M. Pei, Yo-Yo Ma, Shirley Young, Oscar Tang, Henry Tang, and Chien-Shiung Wu recruited distinguished Chinese Americans from all fields to serve on the Committee.



Front row, from left: Chien-Shiung Wu, Shirley Young, I.M. Pei;
Second row, from left: Henry Tang, Yo-Yo Ma, Oscar Tang.

The key functions of the Committee are to serve as a bridge between the cultures and systems of Greater China and America and to provide a forum for issues that Americans of Chinese and Asian descent face in bettering their lives in the United States. The Committee is dedicated to serving as “cultural ambassadors” and fostering the exchange of ideas and perspectives among our members and with those in the community and government.

By having an in-depth understanding of both cultures, the Committee seeks to enhance mutual understanding between the people of China and the people of the United States. As an organization, Committee of 100 is non-partisan; it is not aligned with any political party in the United States, nor with any of the Asian polarities: Taiwan, PRC, Hong Kong, or Southeast Asia. Many of the issues that the Committee addresses concern matters of public policy. It is through our members' activities in academics, government, business, law, science, and the arts, that we believe we can provide bicultural dimensions to the great issues facing the United States and Asia, so that both regions may have peace and harmony.

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