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U.S. FOREIGN POLICY COLLOQUIUM CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The National Committee is looking for volunteers to help out on our tenth anniversary U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium. This is an annual event we have held since 2003, at first in partnership with the Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University with the Elliott School's Sigur Center for Asian Affairs.

The Colloquium brings together about 150 PRC graduate students from a wide variety of disciplines at universities around the United States to help them better understand the complex forces that influence and shape American foreign policy. The two-and-a-half-day program gives these bright young men and women with potential for leadership in China an opportunity to interact with current and former Administration officials and members of Congress, as well as representatives from academia, the military, think tanks, the media and business. And, hopefully, you!

One of the reasons for the success of past FPCs is that we have been able to call on volunteers in the D.C. area to help out; we are going to need similar assistance this year. The main help we will need is with site visits the afternoon of Thursday, May 30. We need escorts to lead small groups of 10 to 15 FPC participants to foreign policy-relevant organizations in D.C. Briefings at the sites will last for an hour – from 3:30 to 4:30 (with about 20 minute presentations with 30-40 minutes of Q&A). Volunteers need to report to the Elliott School (E Street between 18th and 19th Streets) at 2:00 for a general briefing and to pick up their name lists, subway fare cards (if necessary) and then assemble their groups and depart between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m., depending on where their site venue is. (Some require a 5-15 minute walk, others require subway rides of various lengths.) Some past site visit venues are listed below to give you a sense of the types of organizations students have visited during previous Colloquia.

We also may need assistance with set up and check in on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28 and 29, as well as some miscellaneous help on Thursday and Friday during the event. If you are interested and available any of those days, please let us know.

All volunteers are welcome to attend not just the opening night ceremony (this year's speaker is former Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao) but any (or all) of the sessions as well.

If you have any questions or to sign up to be a volunteer for the FPC, please contact Ms. Jessica Bissett (jbissett@ncuscr.org) at 212-645-9677, ext 40.

For more information regarding the FPC, please see the [program brochure](#) or visit the [event website](#).

EXAMPLES OF PAST SITE VISITS:

Center for Strategic and International Studies

Mr. Craig Cohen, Vice President, Research and Programs

Committee on Foreign Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives

Mr. Dennis Halpin, Majority Staff Director and Mr. J.J. Ong, Minority Staff Member

Department of Commerce

Mr. Craig Allen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia

Department of State, Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs

Mr. Aubrey Carlsen, Director, Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs

Department of the Treasury

Mr. Chris Winship, Director, Office of East Asia

Foreign Relations Committee, U.S. Senate

Mr. Keith Luse, Senior Professional Staff Members, East Asia and Pacific Affairs

Human Rights Watch

Dr. Sophie Richardson, Director, Asia Advocacy

Jones Day Law Firm

The Honorable Herbert J. Hansell, Retired partner

National Security Council

Dr. Evan Medeiros, Director of China, Taiwan and Mongolian Affairs

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

Dr. Eric Altbach, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, China Affairs

Save the Children

Ambassador Michael Klosson, Vice President, Policy and Humanitarian Response

Voice of America

Ms. Sasha Gong China Branch Chief, East Asia/Pacific Division