



AFPC hosts Chinese delegation visit to Washington, DC

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From September 26 to September 30, AFPC hosted a Chinese delegation led by Mr. Zhou Rongguo, Deputy Director General, Bureau for North American, Oceanian & Nordic Affairs, International Department of the CPC Central Committee (IDCPC). The purpose of the trip was to provide Chinese top leadership with a better understanding of the current state of China-U.S. relations from the perspective of U.S. government officials and DC-based China experts. AFPC organized meetings with a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in both the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs and the Bureau of Economic Affairs from the U.S. Department of State; Congressman Ted Yoho (R-FL-3), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee; Congressional Research Service Asia Specialists; Congressmen Darin LaHood (R-IL-2) and Rick Larsen (DWI-2), Chairmen of the U.S. China Working Group (USCWG); several personal and committee Congressional staffers; and think tank representatives from AEI, Brookings Institution, Heritage Foundation, and the U.S. Institute of Peace.

Meetings mainly focused on the U.S.-China trade imbalance and tariffs, issues in the South China Sea, Taiwan, potential impacts from the U.S. midterm elections, and concerns with Chinese treatment of the Uyghurs in Xinjiang. AFPC Vice President of Operations Richard Harrison and Research Fellow and Program Officer Amanda Azinheira arranged the schedule for the delegation and accompanied the participants during all meetings.