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## **CHINA UPDATE**

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### **U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS**

#### **U.S.-China Track II Dialogue Lunch at State Department**

On October 15, Secretary of State John F. Kerry hosted a lunch for U.S.-China Track II Dialogue delegations, led by Dr. Henry Kissinger, Dr. George Shultz, and former State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan, at the Department of State in Washington, DC. Track II Dialogue brings together non-governmental officials for discussions aimed at bolstering diplomacy.

#### **State Department Official Remarks at China Government Leadership Program**

On October 22, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Wendy Sherman delivered remarks at the Yale University China Senior Government Leadership Program, at the Department of State.

#### **Former Secretary of State Albright to Headline China Webcast**

On October 28, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will headline the National Committee on United States-China Relations' CHINA Town Hall. CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections is a national day of programming designed to provide Americans across the United States and beyond the opportunity to discuss these issues with leading experts. Webcast registration and access can be found [here](#).

### **CHINA NEWS**

#### **South China Sea Talks Held in China**

From September 14 to 15, the 6th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) and the 9th Joint Working Group Meeting on the Implementation of the "Declaration on Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea" (DOC) were held in Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China. The SOM was co-chaired by Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Sihasak Phuangketkeow. The parties had an in-depth exchange of views on the full and effective implementation of the DOC and strengthening pragmatic maritime. The parties also held consultations on the Code of Conduct (COC) in the South China Sea under the framework of implementing the DOC.

### **United Nations Concerns about Human Rights in China**

On October 22, a Chinese delegation appeared before the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva. The council reviews the human rights record of every member country every four years. The Chinese delegation told the council that their country had made progress on judicial reforms, poverty reduction, and protection of ethnic minorities. On October 16, experts at the United Nations expressed concern about reports of Chinese human rights activists being intimidated and prevented from taking part in a major assessment of the human rights situation in China. More information can be found [here](#). China has previously announced that it intends to seek a seat on the 47-member council in November elections. The council term is for three years.

### **India & China to Sign Border Agreement**

As reported in last week's ML Strategies China Update, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is visiting China October 22 to October 24. He is scheduled to meet on October 23 with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang where the two leaders will sign a Border Defense Cooperation Agreement.

### **China-Japan-ROK Trilateral Cooperation**

On October 17, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin met with the visiting Secretary-General of China-Japan-ROK Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat Shigeo Iwatani. Both sides exchanged views on China-Japan-ROK cooperation, the secretariat's work, and other aspects. China-Japan-ROK Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat was set up in Seoul, South Korea in September 2011, in accordance with the consensus reached at the China-Japan-ROK Leaders' Meeting in 2010. It aims to serve and support exchanges and cooperation in various fields among the three countries.

### **China-Mongolia Vice Foreign Ministers Meet**

On October 16, Chinese Vice Premier Liu Zhenmin and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs D. Gankhuyag of Mongolia co-chaired annual consultations between the Vice Foreign Ministers of China and Mongolia.

### **Chinese Vice Premier Visits Singapore**

From October 20 to October 23, China's Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli is visiting Singapore at the invitation of Teo Chee Hean, Singapore's deputy prime minister. Zhang is co-chair of the 10th meeting of the China-Singapore Joint Committee on Bilateral Cooperation, the 15th meeting of the China-Singapore Suzhou Industrial Park Joint Steering Committee, and the 6th meeting of the China-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City Joint Steering Committee. On October 22, the Monetary Authority of Singapore, that country's central bank, announced that as a result of talks between the two leaders, China and Singapore will allow direct trading between the Chinese yuan and the Singapore dollar.

### **Chinese Vice Premier Hosts World Leaders at International Fair**

On October 22 and 23, China's Vice Premier Wang Yang of the State Council will attend the 14th Western China International Fair (WCIF) in Chengdu, Sichuan and deliver a keynote speech at the sixth Western China International Cooperation Forum. Joining Mr. Wang at the WCIF will be Governor-General of Australia Quentin Bryce, Governor General of Canada David Johnston, President of Macedonia Gjorge Ivanov, Prime Minister of Mongolia Norov Altankhuyag, Prime Minister of Tanzania Mizengo Pinda and Deputy Prime Minister of Belarus Anatoly A. Tozik, among other foreign senior government officials.

### **China Hosts Bangladeshi Foreign Minister**

On October 20, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held talks in China with Foreign Minister Dipu Moni of Bangladesh during an official visit. According to the Chinese government, included in their discussion was an agreement to accelerate construction of the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor.

### **Official Visits to China**

From October 19 to October 22, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni of the People's Republic of Bangladesh made an official visit to China at the invitation of Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

On October 22, China's Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission Xu Quiliang met in Beijing with the Defense Minister of Bosnia-Herzegovina Zekerijah Osmic.

From October 22 to October 26, Mongolian Prime Minister Norov Altankhuyag will pay an official visit to China at the invitation of Premier Li Keqiang of the State Council.

From October 27 to October 30, South African Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe will pay an official visit to China at the invitation of Vice President Li Yuanchao, with whom he will co-chair the fifth plenary session of the China-South Africa Bi-national Commission.

## **ENERGY & THE ENVIRONMENT**

### **China Investigation of Polluting Companies**

On October 14, the Chinese Ministry of Environmental Protection released information from an investigation of 72 companies that were found to have committed 91 environmental infractions. The infractions ranged from excessive air pollutant emissions to failure to pay pollution discharge fees in a timely manner. Three companies have been ordered to end operations.

### **USESC Transportation Fuel Report Released**

On October 15, the U.S. Energy Security Council released its report *Fuel Choice for American Prosperity: Recommendations to the Nation on Opening the Transportation Fuel Market to Competition*, advocating for the open fuel standard as a way to improve competition in the transportation fuel market. The report recommended an alcohol fuels initiative with Brazil and China in order to share best practices, and can be found [here](#).

### **U.S. Climate Envoy's Remarks on New International Agreement**

On October 22, U.S. Special Envoy for Climate Change Todd Stern delivered remarks in London on "The Shape of a New International Climate Agreement." The speech comes in response to President Obama's recent Climate Action Plan. In his speech, Mr. Stern referenced China noted that "China's GDP, both aggregate and per capita, has grown tenfold since 1990, while its share of global emissions has increased from 10% to 22%, and its per capita emissions are higher than many countries in Europe." He also stated that China is the world's second largest historic emitter. The full text of Mr. Stern's remarks can be found [here](#).

## **TRADE**

### **Wyden Blames China for Solar Job Losses in Oregon**

On October 9, Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR), delivered remarks at the National Foreign Trade Council, in which he referenced the U.S.-China solar trade dispute, stating that "high skilled workers" in his state have "lost their jobs because of China's dumping."

### **China Reports Increase in Antidumping Investigations**

On October 17, China submitted to the World Trade Organization a semiannual notification indicating that it had begun eight new antidumping investigations in the first half of 2013. During the second half of 2012, China had initiated only two new antidumping investigations.

### **USITC Sunset Reviews of Orders on Chinese Products**

On October 21, the U.S. International Trade Commission (UITC) announced that it had voted to expedite its five-year ("sunset") reviews concerning the:

- Antidumping and countervailing duty orders on sodium nitrite from China
- Antidumping and countervailing duty orders on laminated woven sacks from China
- Antidumping duty order on non-malleable cast iron pipe fittings from China
- Antidumping duty order on steel nails from China

As a result of these votes, the Commission will conduct expedited reviews to determine whether revocation of these orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time.

### **Mid-Range & Heavy Duty Commercial Vehicle Fuel Standards Reverse Trade Mission**

From November 30 to December 7, a U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) Reverse Trade Mission will connect officials from China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, Ministry of Environmental Protection, and other relevant Chinese government agencies, associations, and institutes with officials from U.S. government agencies and organizations with responsibility for engine fuel consumption and emissions standards in the U.S., as well as U.S. firms that supply technologies and services that can assist China in addressing fuel engine consumption challenges. The visit will include meetings and site visits in Washington, DC; Detroit, MI; Columbus, IN; Indianapolis, IN; and Chicago, IL. For details on how to participate, go [here](#).

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