



History of Exchange

Shenyang & Shanghai, China Chicago's Sister Cities Since 1985

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1985

Focus: Signing Agreement

Chicago signed a Sister Cities Agreement with Shenyang and a Friendship City Agreement with Shanghai.

1992

Focus: Environment

Ten delegates of the Liaoning Provincial Environmental Protection Bureau, China, met with their counterparts in Chicago to improve their approach to environmental protection.

1993

Focus: Culture

Artists Zheng Bo and Xiang Tai Lu, from Shenyang and Shanghai, respectively, participated in the 1993 International Terminal Mural Project at O'Hare International Airport.

Focus: Economic Development

A delegation from Shanghai met with members of the Chinese American Chamber of Commerce and City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development's International Trade Services to discuss strengthening ties between Chicago and Chinese Sister Cities and Chicago.

June

Focus: Culture

A poet from Shenyang was a special guest of Chicago Sister Cities during the Chicago Poetry Festival at Navy Pier in June of 1993. He also read at the semi-final event held at the Chicago Cultural Center.

1994

Focus: Economic Development

A delegation from the Commerce Office of Shenyang, led by Mr. Yu Zhanghuai, investigated the possibility of opening an office in Chicago for the Shenyang Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Corporation, a subsidiary of the city government. The delegation also met with the Chicago World Trade Center Association to discuss organizing a major trade fair in Chicago.

Focus: Government

A Shanghai delegation led by mayoral representative Mr. Chen Lianyu and several other Shanghai city government officials met with Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs Commissioner Lois Weisberg. The delegation also met with the Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, and the architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

Focus: Government

Lincoln Park Zoo hosted a two-week gorilla management and conservation program course for Shanghai and Beijing zoo directors and key staff. The program provided the opportunity for Chinese zookeepers to learn Lincoln Park Zoo's approach to visitor education, organizational management issues, and revenue producing activities, finance and accounting. CSCIP played a key role in hosting the zoo officials.

1995

Focus: Economic Development

Mayor Zhang of Shenyang led a delegation of 22 to Chicago for a series of economic development meetings. The China Committee arranged for the delegation, which included the Vice-Mayor, heads of financial institutions, and the Directors of the Planning & Economic Development and Foreign Trade Committees, to meet with major Chicago corporations and banks to discuss economic development opportunities. Additionally, Mayor Daley and Mayor Zhang signed an agreement at a business development forum sponsored by the Mid-America Committee reaffirming their intent to promote strong partnerships between the two cities.

Focus: Economic Development

A delegation from the Shenyang Municipal Commission of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade visited Chicago and met with Chicago Sister Cities and representatives from the Department of Planning and Development.

1996

Focus: Culture

Eight journalists from Shanghai were hosted by a collective group of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program, the Boeing Company, and the International Press Center. The delegation lunched with their counterparts from the local media and dined with the Chicago-China Sister Cities Committee.

September

Focus: Fundraising

The China Committee hosted a black-tie fundraiser, Swinging Shanghai, for over 140 people at Maxim's in September to support the China Committee's ongoing cultural and business programming.

Focus: Economic Development

Eight municipal department heads from Shenyang, came to Chicago serving as an advance team to plan a trade conference in Chicago for October 1996.

Focus: Economic Development

The director of the Shenyang Office of Foreign Affairs met with major Chicago TV stations to discuss a TV station partnership between Shenyang and Chicago, the first such U.S. and China relationship.

1997

Focus: Culture

Dr. Ann Feldman traveled to China to interview and record Chinese women in music for the U.S. national radio series, "Noteworthy Women". This series is syndicated throughout the United States. Dr. Feldman was funded by the Chicago Artist International Program and the China Committee.

Focus: Culture

A Hubei Provincial News Delegation came to the United States. The delegation of 10 met with the local media, and toured the Chicago Cultural Center and other sites.

Focus: Culture

A 200-piece Shanghai photo exhibit called "Shanghai, Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow" came to Chicago. The exhibit was displayed at the Harold Washington Library, the Daley Center and the international terminal at O'Hare International Airport.

1998

Focus: Culture

The China Committee hosted a breakfast featuring Chinese female composer Chen Yi at the Chicago Cultural Center.

Focus: Culture

A watercolor exhibit from Shanghai and photographs from Shenyang were exhibited at the Chicago Cultural Center and Daley Plaza.

Focus: Culture

A World in a Weekend featured China.

Focus: Economic Development

Committee Co-Chair spoke at seminar on China hosted by IIT and ChinaOnline.

Focus: Economic Development

The China Committee Co-Chair and City of Chicago Chief Financial Officer represented Chicago during Shenyang's Friendship Month and met with Mayor Mu in Shenyang.

Focus: Fundraiser

The China Committee held its first annual Chinese New Year fundraiser.

Focus: Government

The China Committee hosted a delegation from the Shenyang People's Congress.

1999**Focus: Education**

Chicago legal experts conducted China legal aid workshops in Shanghai.

Focus: Culture

The China Committee hosted the visit of cultural and work force delegations from Shenyang.

Focus: Economic Development

U.S. Ambassador to China James Sasser met with China Committee members to discuss plans for a delegation of business and cultural leaders who will travel to Shenyang, Shanghai and Beijing.

Focus: Government

The China Committee was awarded \$134,000 by the United States Information Agency to carry out a one-year long Rule of Law Exchange that was carried out through 2000. The program closely followed the USIA's Rule of Law Program and the goals outlined by President Clinton and Jiang (October 1997) with regard to Cooperation in the Field of Law.

The exchange concentrated on four areas: 1) the strengthening of the administrative law system, 2) promoting those parts of the western adversarial trial model (e.g., rules of evidence) which enable the defendant to receive a fair trial, 3) adopting strategies for enforcing foreign court judgments and foreign arbitration awards, and 4) establishing models of law firm administration which incorporate principles of responsibility.

This exchange drew on professionals from the Shanghai Bureau of Justice, East China Law School, Jilin University of Law, Chicago Bar Association and the faculty of the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. These workshops provided the equivalent of 160 hours of legal education to participants.

Focus: Government

Thirty-two government officials from Liaoning Province (Shenyang) started a one-year MBA program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The China Committee welcomed the group and assisted throughout the program.

2000

Focus: Economic Development

The China Committee led 60 participants on a business mission to Chicago's Sister Cities Shenyang and Shanghai, and Beijing from June 9-18, 2000. The Shanghai portion of the trip also included briefings by the U.S. Consul General, dinner hosted by the City of Shanghai and a gala cultural performance. The Shenyang itinerary was a combination of site visits, meetings, and cultural tours.

This trip laid the groundwork for future exchanges with China. With representatives from some of the most prominent Chicago-based companies and legal organizations, the trip opened doors to creating Chicago-China business partnerships. A conference in Shanghai showcased elements of the action plan designed by the Mayor's Council of Technology Advisors. Breakout sessions addressed I.T. infrastructure development, access to capital, e-commerce, workforce training, and intellectual property.

2001**April 1****Focus: Medicine**

The China Committee sent a delegation of Chicago's top pediatric specialists and hospital administrators to China to meet their Chinese counterparts and provide services that will impact countless numbers of children and set the stage for enhanced communication in the healthcare field between Chicago and China.

The doctors and medical associates spent two days in children's hospitals in both Beijing and Shanghai, making rounds, giving lectures, providing clinical consultation and performing basic surgical procedures on children.

This nurtured the relationship between Chicago and China's medical communities and shared best practices of Western and traditional Eastern medicine to improve healthcare for our citizens' mutual benefit.

2002**April****Focus: Government**

A series of video teleconference seminars will introduce the Shanghai Public Security Bureau and others to Chicago's experience preparing for and responding to airport disasters and hazardous materials incidents.

Unit One introduced the Shanghai audience to the general principles and practical application of emergency response preparedness and the International Incident Command System for emergency response planning and implementation. Topics included: Identifying and Classifying Hazardous Materials Incidents (Water, Ground, Air and Airport Releases); Various Response Agencies and their Roles in Response Preparedness (Fire Department, Police Department, Emergency Response Center, Department of Aviation, Department of the Environment, and Department of Public Health); Organization of Incident Response-Best Practices; Structure and Authority in the Incident Command System, and the Role of Private Firms and Facilities in Response Preparedness.

Unit Two presented an introduction to emergency response planning principles and requirements at the operational level. Topics included: Risk analysis and emergency response plans; Training and Assignment of Personnel; Equipment Needs and Supply Chain Issues, and Communication and Cooperation among Various Organizations.

Unit Three introduced the participants to the basic procedures and their requirements for actual emergency response incidents. Topics included: Mobilization Strategies and the Different Requirements of Various Operations such as Airports, Waterways and Land Spills, Personal Protective Equipment for Response Personnel, Spill Control Techniques and Equipment, Responder Safety and Health Concerns, Public Health Response Requirements, and Public Communication and Information.

April 20-22

Focus: Education

Through the Sister Schools Abroad Program, an Education delegation from Shenyang (including the Vice Director of Shenyang Educational Committee and several school principals) visited their Sister Schools in Chicago; Ortiz de Dominguez Elementary, Madero Middle School and Northside College Prep.

The visit further strengthened the friendly exchange of knowledge and cooperation in the field of education and investigated the development and administration of education in the U.S.A.

2003

September 6

Focus: Fundraising

The 1920's themed Swinging Shanghai fundraiser took place at Maxim's benefiting the China Committee programming efforts.

October 27-28

Focus: Government

The Honorable Chen Zhenggao, Mayor of Shenyang, visited Chicago with a delegation of government officials. The delegation met with Mayor Daley and attended several business meetings.

November

Focus: Government

A delegation from Shanghai, headed by Mr. Gong Xueping, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Shanghai Municipal People's Congress, visited Chicago. Other members of the delegation included Mr. Sun Yunshi, Secretary General of the Standing Committee of Shanghai Municipal People's Congress; Mr. Shao Huixiang, Deputy Director General of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Shanghai Municipality; Mr. Xie Tianfang, Chairman of the Legal System Committee of the Shanghai Municipal People's Congress; Mr. Kong Changming, Vice-Chairman of the Personnel and Deputy Affairs Commission; and others.

The visit strengthened the friendship between the two cities. The delegation studied local parliament's functions and legislation, and the planning and development of the city's culture, media, education and tourism endeavors. It also sparked plans for future cooperation and exchanges.

2004

April

Focus: Medicine and Sports

A delegation from Chicago visited Chicago's Sister Cities, Shenyang and Shanghai. The delegation included healthcare professionals with expertise in public health, infection control, bioterrorism prevention, sports and exercise medicine safety, injury prevention, rehabilitation and triage.

The purpose of this visit was to collaborate with colleagues in China to develop sustainable and replicable educational programs designed to address the learning needs of local healthcare providers, civic leaders, and the business community to meet current needs and ensure a system-wide approach to safety and health for the Olympic Games. As co-collaborators, local expertise and resources of both communities were used.

Results:

- Participants established strategic partnerships with the Chinese Medical community leading to the creation of ongoing educational and interventional programs.
- Provided opportunities for Chicago's healthcare and community leaders to study China's comprehensive approach to epidemic control and surveillance.
- Created a collaborative relationship with the philanthropic community (Rotary clubs) in support of medical exchange programs.
- Increased potential for economic development between Chicago and China.
- Collaborated with nursing associations that provided consultations, workshops, and training to ensure appropriate utilization of local resources.
- Participants can now better allay patient/family anxiety and enhance favorable public perception of emergency interventions.
- Ensured core competencies in hazard surveillance and detection, including procedures for notifying public health and security officials, and methods for enhancing situational awareness and personal safety.
- Shared protocols for personal protection during mass casualty incidents, health threats and methods of treatment, and the role of the individual health care provider within the overall public health system.
- Identified the educational needs for local government officials and other community policymakers.
- Helped ensure that day-to-day systems of emergency care will be sustainable for the Olympic Games as well as for responding to routine community medical emergencies.

June 1-3

Focus: Government

A delegation from Shenyang visited Chicago. The delegation included Mr. Fang Xiangdong, Director of the Shenyang Foreign Affairs Office; Mr. Ma Lixin, Deputy Chief of Protocol and Information, and Ms. Yang Zhuo, Deputy Chief of International Cooperation Department.

The purpose of the visit was to discuss the 20th Anniversary (2005) of the Sister Cities relationship between Shenyang and Chicago and to share best practices and explore areas of exchange to promote trade, economic development, cultural awareness and educational opportunities between Shenyang and Chicago.

October 8

Focus: Fundraising

The 1920's themed Swinging Shanghai fundraiser took place at Maxim's benefiting the Committee.

October

Focus: Government

Highlights from Shanghai:

- Signing of Reaffirmation of the 1985 Friendship City Agreement with Mayor Han of Shanghai. The signing was witnessed by members of the CCFR delegation including Bill Daley, Lester Crown and Phil Condit as well as the Sister Cities delegation including Bill Spence and Ray Chin and Chicago area businesses with operations in China and recent college graduates from Chicago who are teaching in China.
- Mayor Daley gave a speech to approximately 300 Shanghai business and government leaders on why to invest in Chicago. The speech was well received and widely reported in the local press in both Chinese and English.
- The Mayor signed an agreement with the Vice Minister of Education from Beijing to create a Confucius Institute in Chicago for the teaching of Chinese language and culture. The agreement also provides for teaching assistance to Chinese teachers in the Chicago Public Schools.
- Mayor Daley also visited an after school program for fine arts and a famous market in the "Old City" and a classic Chinese garden.

Highlights from Shenyang:

- Signing of the Reaffirmation of the 1985 Sister City Agreement with Mayor Chen of Shenyang. The signing was witnessed by members of the Sister Cities delegation and members of the Chicago business community.
- Reception at the residence of the U. S. Consul General in Shenyang for the Mayor and members of the Chicago Sister Cities delegation.
- Reception for 300 recent Chinese MBA graduates from UIC and Roosevelt University. Many had mid level positions in Shenyang governmental agencies and businesses.
- Visit to Qing Dynasty Forbidden City with guided tour by Shenyang's Mayor Chen.
- Visit to Yucai school which is a sister school with CPS.

Discussions with Mayor Chen of Sister Gardens projects in Chicago and Shenyang.

2005

April

Focus: Government

Han Zheng, Mayor of Shanghai visited Chicago.

Highlights of Mayor Han's visit included:

- Visited Walter Payton College Preparatory High-School and welcomed by enthusiastic Chinese language students;
- Shared several moments throughout the day with our own Mayor Daley including Walter Payton school, the Chicago-Shanghai Dialogue reception and luncheon, and a dinner at the Signature Room;
- Mayor Han's delivery of a fantastic keynote speech at the Chicago-Shanghai Dialogue luncheon – emphasizing not only the impressive growth of Shanghai but also recognizing that Shanghai also has lessons to learn from Chicago;
- A visit to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange where they unveiled their new China website, <http://www.china.cme.com>
- A driving city tour led by partners of Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill;
- Meeting key players in the construction of Millennium Park – Tom Pritzker, Steve Crown, Bill Wrigley, Jr., and Ed Uhlir – as they led mayor Han and his delegation through an extensive walking tour of the park. With the guidance of a Chicago Police officer, Mayor Han also got to ride a Segway for the first time;
- An intimate dinner at the Signature Room, hosted by Mayor Daley and sponsored by United Airlines.

2006

May 6

Focus: Culture

The China Committee jointly held the Red Tie Gala with Chicago Chinese Cultural Institute at Primitive Antiques.

May

Focus: Business & Education

To help prepare Chicago as a successful bidder for the 2016 Olympic Games, Mayor Daley visited Beijing in May 2006 to review the construction of the Olympic sites and developments at the Beijing Capitol airport. Meanwhile, he met with Chinese business leaders to showcase Chicago as a potential place for direct foreign investments. He also visited Chinese schools.

May

Focus: Education

Interviews were conducted by Robert Davis, Director of the CPS World Language Program in May in Shanghai to screen teachers who will teach Chinese at CPS schools for the next two years. Mayor Han Zheng hosted a farewell event for the teachers in August for their postings in Chicago. Bill Spence hosted a home reception to welcome the teachers in September.

May

Focus: Education

Mayor Daley, CPS and China Committee helped open the Confucius Institute in Chicago, the city's first Chinese cultural education center, at Walter Payton College Preparatory High School in May.

May 29-31**Focus: Economic Development**

Vice Mayor Song and his delegation of five visited Chicago. He met representatives from Boeing, WTCC, Dept. of Commerce, UIC, DLK, IGP and China Committee of CSCIP. He had discussions concerning strengthening the sister city relationship between Chicago and Shenyang. Together they explored a number of diverse opportunities for future cooperation, especially for economic development and trade. He also discussed the planning of the Shenyang Day in Chicago event.

June 5-6**Focus: Business**

Mr. Guan, Zhi'ou and his three member delegation from the Shenyang Foreign Trade & Economic Cooperation Bureau visited Chicago. He met with Bill Spence, chair of the China Committee, to discuss about business and investment opportunities.

July 12**Focus: Culture**

The China and Osaka Committees met for a picnic dinner at the Skyline Stage at Navy Pier for a special performance of Cirque Shanghai, an assemblage of some of the finest acrobats in China.

July**Focus: Business**

Shufen Zhao, CSCIP staff, visited Shanghai in early July to meet with officials of Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office and other business representatives to discuss exchange programs between the two cities.

September 7**Focus: Culture**

The China Committee held its largest annual fundraiser, Swinging Shanghai at Maxim's. More than 140 people attended the event to celebrate the Chicago – Shanghai-Shenyang sister city relationships.

September**Focus: Business**

China Committee Chair Bill Spence hosted a home reception to welcome a delegation headed by Mr. Xiang Wenbo, Sany's executive president. Sany, a heavy machinery firm based in Changsha, Hunan Province, is planning to build an assembly plant in the Chicago area. This was the first Chinese machinery company to open a factory in the country.

October**Focus: Culture**

At the invitation of China Shanghai International Arts Festival, CSCIP staff Shufen Zhao attended the opening ceremony of the Festival in Shanghai featuring a wide range international and domestic folk and contemporary music performances. This month-long celebration is held annually in Shanghai. She discussed possibilities for "Chicago Week" for the Festival in the future and brought back information and contacts for The Year of China cultural activities being planned for 2009.

October 3**Focus: Culture**

With the introduction of Chinese Consulate General, Mr. Wang Wenchao, Party Chairman of Henan Provincial People's Government and his delegation of seven met with Bob Karr, Chairman of the Board of CSCIP and Vallie Szymanski, CSCIP Executive Director. The meeting was to discuss establishing a friendship relationship between Zhengzhou and Chicago, bringing Shaolin Marshal Arts Group for the Chicago Sister Cities 50th anniversary celebration in 2009.

2007**Focus: Education and Business**

Spearheading a joint academic research project by UIC and IIT in Chicago and Tongji University in Shanghai to combine GeoThermal and Fuel Cell Energy Systems to use in heating and cooling on a planned residential development at the 500+ acre USX site on the South lakefront in Chicago, under the sponsorship of HNTB; and a development project to construct a traditional Chinese Garden in Chicago that will involve experts from China and Chicago.

February 15**Focus: General**

Mayor Daley announced the opening of the Economic Development Office in Shanghai in an effort to accelerate business relations and trade. John Thomson has been hired as executive director of the Shanghai office.

May 30**Focus: Fundraiser & Sports**

The China Committee hosted a fundraiser and reception for the Illinois athletes competing in the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai this October. Proceeds from this Event benefited Special Olympics Illinois. Guests had the chance to meet the Special Olympics Athletes and see a power lifting demonstration, tour the Confucius Institute at Walter Payton College Prep, and enjoy Asian hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

August 6-7**Focus: Medical**

The China Committee hosted and organized (in cooperation with UIC's School of Public Health & College of Nursing and the International Visitors Center of Chicago) an intensive two-day program on public health services for a delegation from Shenyang's Center for Disease Control that visited Chicago.

September 6**Focus: Fundraising**

The fourth annual "Swinging Shanghai" fundraising dinner was held at the opulent Maxim's restaurant in Chicago's Gold Coast to celebrate the cosmopolitan sophistication of Shanghai in the 1920's and 1930's. Elegant Chinese food was served along with intriguing entertainment and tempting silent auction items with a Chinese flair. Proceeds from the event were used to fund future exchanges and projects of the China Committee.

October 18**Focus: Business**

The Committee supported the World Trade Center Illinois conference, U.S. China Business Forum: Promise to Profits. This conference's aim was to inform and educate small and medium-sized businesses about the Chinese business frontier and how your business may be able to take part in this growth opportunity.

October 26**Focus: Arts & Culture**

The China Committee supported the Big Read Literacy Project and Woman Warrior Festival and Awards program of the Center for Asian Arts and Media at Columbia College Chicago, which focused on Amy Tan's book *The Joy Luck Club*, and featured a conversation with Janet Yang, the Executive Producer of the critically acclaimed film "The Joy Luck Club."

December 14**Focus: Education**

A three-person educational delegation from Shenyang Experimental School visited Chicago to meet with Bob Davis and the principal of Walter Payton College Prep. They also visited The Confucius Institute at Walton Payton and Gallery 37.

December 19**Focus: Arts & Culture**

The Committee presented the preview of Committee Member Julia Zhu's TV production, "The Second Spring," featuring the life of retired people in Shanghai at the Chicago Fire House.

2008**January 16****Focus: Government & Business**

The 10th District Congressman Mark Kirk spoke to the China Committee about the goals of the U.S. - China Working Group that he co-founded. Mr. Kirk praised Chicago's Chinese World Language Program and the Confucius Institute. In addition, he discussed the city's ongoing efforts to build the Year of China initiative in Chicago in 2009, which would not only help brand Chicago in China but also increase business opportunities. Kirk offered his support for the fundraising efforts of the China Committee to support this important project.

January 30**Focus: Culture**

The China Committee hosted a Chinese New Year Party to honor the Chinese Consulate in Chicago. Event featured food from Friendship Restaurant, live music by Jeff Chan, Tasu Aoki and Jimmy Ellis. Beer, wine, dancing, games, kid's corner.

February 15**Focus: Celebration**

The China Committee hosted the Chinese New Year Banquet at the Phoenix restaurant to celebrate the Year of the Pig, a sign of prosperity. More than 100 people attended the event.

February 19-22**Focus: Environment**

Shanghai TV visited Chicago to do interviews and film Chicago as a “green city.” During their visit, they interviewed Mayor Daley, visited the Household Waste facility, Center for Green Technology, Millennium Park, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, World Business Chicago, Chicago 2016 and Tarkington Elementary.

March 16**Focus: Business**

Mayor Li Wenke of Tieling and a business delegation of 22 government and business leaders from Tieling, Liaoning Province, visited Chicago. The Committee hosted a luncheon and presentation with the business community in Chicago.

April 9-11**Focus: Business**

A delegation of seven, led by Mr. Li Zhonglu, Deputy Director of Shenyang People’s Congress, visited Chicago. The goal of the visit was to strengthen the cooperation between the two cities in the spheres of trade, culture and education, and government. The delegation was very interested in developing a closer working relationship with the Chicago City Council.

April 13-15**Focus: Business**

The China Committee hosted Mayor Li visit from Shenyang, China. The purpose of this visit aimed to strengthen the Chicago and China sister city relationship by finding various areas of common interest, such as manufacturing and tertiary industries, and developing business relationships. Mayor Li met with Mayor Daley as well as attended a luncheon held in his honor by the China Committee of CSCIP.

April 13-18**Focus: Arts & Culture**

Shenyang Archive Bureau (SAB) presented a photo exhibit from Shenyang, China, highlighting history, culture and developments of Shenyang. All of the photos displayed in the Daley Center have been donated to the city of Chicago as a memory token. During their visit, SAB held discussions on archive management techniques and experience with Chicago counterparts.

April 17**Focus: Celebration**

The Chicago Chinese Cultural Institute hosted the 3rd Anniversary of Red Tie Gala. Attendees enjoyed networking with others who share interests in business, cultural and educational exchanges with China.

June 30 – July 5**Focus: Media**

A four-person television crew from Shanghai TV visited Chicago to do a series of interviews and filming of Chicago related to the 1893 and 1933 World’s Fairs, in preparation for the Shanghai Expo in 2010.

September 5**Focus: Law & Policy**

The Law and Policy Sub Committee of the China Committee presented a conference “Dealing With Suppliers in China: Intellectual Property and Product Quality issues” on Friday, September 5, 2008.

The conference took place at the John Marshall Law School at 315 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois. The conference was co sponsored by the Center for Intellectual Property of JMLS. Dr. Lulin Gao was the keynote speaker at a luncheon following the conference sessions.

September 16**Focus: Healthcare**

The Healthcare Sub Committee of the CSCIP China Committee hosted a video conference with the Shenyang CDC, the UIC School of Public Health, the Howard Brown Clinic and the Chicago Department of Public Health concerning HIV and AIDS community practices.

November 13**Focus: Fundraising**

The China Committee hosted its annual “Swinging Shanghai” fundraising gala at Maxim’s.

2009**January****Focus: Arts & Culture**

The China Committee had a Dumpling Club Dinner with a talk and presentation about Shanghai architecture by noted Chicago author Jay Pridmore.

February 11**Focus: Business**

The China Committee invited guests to attend a free networking reception in the China Doll House.

February 26-March 6**Focus: Government**

Shanghai Qingpu District Public Service visited Chicago.

March 30**Focus: Government**

Shanghai Foreign Affairs Officers came to Chicago for meetings.

April**Focus: Film**

Film screening of “Bird’s Nest-Herzog & De Meuron in China” reception and screening

April 14**Focus: Government**

Shenyang Municipal Administration of Work Safety visited Chicago.

April 20**Focus: Government**

Shanghai Transportation Development Research
Shanghai 2010 Exposition Bureau

April 24**Focus: Government**

The Honorable Junliang Dai, Vice Mayor of Shenyang visited Chicago.

April 28

Mayor Daley welcomed His Excellency Chen Deming, Minister of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, to Chicago. The Minister of Commerce spoke at a luncheon held by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and attended the Official Forum Dinner for the Chicago Global Cities Forum at The Field Museum on Tuesday evening.

May 8-9**Focus: Government:**

Mayor Daley welcomed His Excellency Zhou Wenzhong, Ambassador of China to the United States, and Madame Xie Xhumin, wife of the Ambassador, to Chicago.

June 6-10**Focus: Government**

Shanghai Jiefang Daily Journalist.

June 17**Focus: Government**

Shenyang Shen Bei New District.

July**Focus: Arts & Culture**

Chinese Cultural Week in Chicago: "From the Wall to the Great Lakes", a week-long celebration of Chinese arts and culture.

August**Focus: Business**

A China-Chicago networking event.

September**Focus: Arts & Culture**

Moon Festival Celebration with the Zhejiang Butterfly Performance Troupe in honor of the Moon Festival.

Focus: Fashion

World Business Chicago welcomed Liu Canming, renowned Shanghai designer, to present his new lines in Chicago

October 22**Focus: Medicine**

Dr. Lang XiaoOu from Shenyang, China, and Dr. Hu Zhen from Shanghai, China, participate in the inaugural Chicago Sister Cities International Medical Initiative

Focus: Government

Shanghai Public Utilities School

November 3-5**Focus: Government**

Shanghai Municipal Bureau of Statistics.

November**Focus: Business**

A delegation led by the Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office, including Shanghai business, education and civic leaders attend the Chicago-China Green Building & Technology Summit, hosted by the China Committee

November**Focus: Fundraising**

The Annual Swinging Shanghai fundraising gala.

December 9**Focus: Government & Education**

Shanghai Economic Management College

Focus: Government

His Excellency Chen Deming, Minister of Commerce
The Honorable Yang Yazhou, Vice Mayor of Shenyang
The Honorable Dai Junliang, Vice Mayor of Shenyang
The Honorable Tu Guangshao, Vice Mayor of Shanghai
The Honorable Xu Kuangdi, former Mayor of Shanghai
Madame Li Xiaolin, VP of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries

2010**March 17****Focus: Business**

The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce International Programs and Caroline Berube, Managing Partner of HJM Asia Law & Co. LLC hosted a breakfast seminar in which Ms. Berube discussed how to identify business partners, protect your interests and succeed in today's economic climate when doing business in China.

July 31**Focus: Environment**

At the 2010 Sister Cities International Annual Conference in Albuquerque, Mexico, the China Committee was recognized with the Sustainable Development award for their inaugural Chicago-China Green Building and Technology Summit.

The event provided a forum where business, civic, and educational leaders from Chicago and Shanghai were able to meet and discuss green architecture, sustainable building, and retrofitting existing structures.

August 22

Focus: Arts & Culture

In association with the Chinese Fine Arts Society, the committee co-hosted an after party for the cast of the QiXi performance at the Cultural Center – Preston Bradley Hall. Those in attendance were able to mingle with the cast and had the chance to win various raffle prizes, including round trip airfare to Shanghai or Beijing.

September 16-17

Focus: Environment

Members of the China Committee traveled to Shanghai to help co-sponsor the AmCham Shanghai 2010 Sustainability Conference – Green Cities: A Call to Action. The conference provided a forum to foster dialogue between the public and private sectors in regards to urban development. The sustainability theme for the conference coincided with the overall theme for the Shanghai Expo – “Better City, Better Life”.

September 19-20

Focus: Culture

Chicago Days at Expo 2010 Shanghai. In collaboration with the Mayor’s Office of International Relations, World Business Chicago, Chicago Department of Tourism, Chicago China Development Corporation (CCDC) and Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, Chicago Sister Cities participated in Chicago Days at the USA Pavilion.

The two days were filled with receptions and cultural activities, including performances by Otis Clay and Hip Hop ChicaGO. During the trip, Mayor Daley signed an agreement renewing and re-emphasizing the strong relationship between Chicago and Shanghai.

EcoCity MOU signing: Chicago and Shanghai entered into a partnership to share best practices in clean development, energy and environment.

October

Focus: Business

Shanghai New Economy Development Executive Training Program delegation visits Chicago

2011

January 20-21

Focus: Government

President Hu Jintao visited Chicago. The Focus of the visit was on economic development and teaching Chinese as a second language in Chicago Public Schools. Chicago has the largest public school system Chinese language program in the U.S. CSCI staff members and China Committee members helped with the gala dinner hosted by Mayor Daley, school visit to Walter Payton College Prep, and Woodridge visit.

May 25**Focus: Fundraiser**

On Wednesday, May 25, 2011 the China Committee of the Chicago Sister Cities International held a fundraising dinner that celebrated the cosmopolitan sophistication of Shanghai in the 1920's and 1930's. *Swinging Shanghai* was held at the elegant Maxim's, 24 E. Goethe Street, where we featured elegant Chinese food, intriguing entertainment, and tempting silent auction items with a Chinese flair. Proceeds from the event will fund future exchanges with China, particularly with our Sister Cities of Shanghai and Shenyang. Attendees included Chinese Consular officials, Chicago government and public institution representatives, and members of the local business community who are active in China.

August 13**Focus: Government**

Chen Haibo, Mayor of Shenyang visited Chicago. During the trip, Mayor Chen and Chicago's Mayor Rahm Emanuel signed an agreement renewing and re-emphasizing the strong relationship between Chicago and Shenyang.

December 6**Focus: Film**

The documentary HipHop ChicaGO was screened at the Claudia Cassidy Theater.

2012**January 26****Focus: Film**

A Reception was held during a showing of the Mulberry Child Film at Gene Siskel Center.

April 4**Focus: Arts & Culture**

Jeffrey Wasserstrom presented his book *One Book, One Chicago: China in the 21st Century* at the Harold Washington Library- Cindy Pritzker Auditorium.

July 2**Focus: Government**

A delegation from Beijing visited Chicago for meetings with City officials and Chicago business people.

August 6-10**Focus: Culture**

The 7th Annual Chicago Sister Cities International Festival transformed Daley Plaza into an international village filled with merchants, food, music, and dance from Chicago's 28 Sister Cities. Cirque Shanghai demonstrated a courageous and acrobatic performance representing Shanghai and Chinese Fine Arts Society performed a traditional and beautiful dance representing the culture and heritage of Shenyang.

October 4-7**Focus: Medical**

The 14th Annual Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Symposium was a professional educational event highlighting the most recent clinical and scientific advances in breast cancer research. Dr. Shaohui Wu from Liaoning Center for Disease Control in Shenyang participated and represented Shenyang and Jiayi Wu from Comprehensive Breast Health Center, Ruijin Hospital, Shanghai Jiaotong University School of Medicine in Shanghai represented Shanghai in the 2012 symposium.