



National Committee on United States-China Relations records

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

The National Committee on United States – China Relations (NCUSCR) was established in 1966 as a nonprofit educational organization with a mission to encourage mutual understanding and dialogue between citizens of the United States and China.

The National Committee came into being through the cooperative efforts of scholars and civic, religious, and business leaders who, at a time of mutual hostility between the two countries, sought to stimulate public discussion about China and the United States' relations with it by sponsoring conferences, seminars, publications, and other education and outreach programs. In 1972, the National Committee sponsored the Chinese table tennis team's historic U. S. visit. This round of "Ping Pong Diplomacy," which followed closely on Richard Nixon's visit to China in February 1972, helped pave the way for later exchanges and, eventually, for the normalization of relations with China in 1979. Building on these cultural exchanges, the National Committee came to be a primary organizer of professional and policy exchanges between the two countries (and including Hong Kong and Taiwan), in the areas of foreign affairs and international relations, economic development, governance and legal affairs, education, mass media, environmental and global issues, etc. As its role in exchanges became more prominent, the National Committee turned over some of its educational programs to the Asia Society in the late 1970s, but it continues its educational role through public education events and ongoing outreach.

Funding for the National Committee comes from the United States government (especially the Department of State), corporations, and foundations, as well as from its individual membership.

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Scope and Contents

The collection documents all aspects of the National Committee's programs, activities and administration.

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Arrangement

Arranged in ten record groups, each comprised of multiple series. The first nine record groups and associated accessions are representative solely of when the materials were processed by RAC, and do not imply an original order of the records. Record Group 10 consists of audiovisual materials. Additional finding aids are created as records are processed and open for research.

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