Building a “Harmonious Society” in China:
Non-Governmental and Faith-Based Organizations as Agents of Social Change and Stability

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8:30-9:00 am   Registration and continental breakfast

9:00-9:30 am   Morning Keynote Address (Transcript):
   Introduction by Dr. John Hamre, President and CEO of CSIS
   - The Honorable Chuck Hagel, United States Senator from Nebraska

9:30-9:45 am  Opening remarks

9:45-11:00 am  Panel I: Transformation of Non-Profit Organizations in China (Transcript)
   - “China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation: Experience of One of China’s First Non-Profit Organizations,” Mr. He Daofeng, Vice President and Executive Director of the China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation, and Board Member, China Non-Profit Organization Network
   - “The Development of Non-Profit Organization Capacity and Self-Discipline,” (English version) (Chinese version) Mr. Shang Yusheng, Founder and President, China Non-Profit Organization Network
   - Commentator: Mr. Luo Xiaopeng, Board Chair, Guizhou Institute for Highland Development and Senior Advisor, China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation
   - Moderator: Dr. Carol Lee Hamrin, Research Professor, George Mason University and Senior Associate, Global China Center

11:00-11:15 am Coffee/tea break

11:15 am-12:30 pm  Panel II: Faith-Based Organizations (panel convened with support of the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life) (Transcript)
   - “The Pioneering Role of the Amity Foundation, 1985-2005”, Mr. Qiu Zhonghui, General Secretary, Amity Foundation
   - “Chinese Faith-Based Organizations: Case Studies, Analysis, and Trends,” Dr. Yang Fenggang, Professor of Sociology, Purdue University
   - Commentator: Dr. Richard Madsen, Professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego
   - Moderator: Dr. Timothy Shah, Senior Fellow in Religion and World Affairs, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life

12:30-2:00 pm  Lunch with keynote remarks (Transcript):
   - Dr. Thomas Fingar, Deputy Director of National Intelligence

2:00-3:30 pm  Panel III: The International Factor (Transcript)
   - “Domestic and International NGOs in the Development of China's Countryside,” Mr. Chen Taiyong, China Director, Heifer International
   - “The Changing Role of Non-Governmental and International Non-Governmental Organizations in China,” Mr. Carl Minzner, Senior Counsel, Congressional Executive Commission on China
   - Commentator: Dr. Anne F. Thurston, Associate Professor in China Studies, Johns Hopkins University's School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
   - Moderator: Dr. Bates Gill, Freeman Chair in China Studies, CSIS