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George Mason University in Fairfax, VA Joins President Jimmy Carter for 70-City Live Program on China

Former President Jimmy Carter will join audiences in 70 locations nationwide for a live “town hall” meeting on the U.S.-China relationship.

Some of the world’s most critical issues, including economics, climate change, security and trade, will require the United States and China—the two largest economies, energy users and greenhouse gas emitters—to cooperate to achieve lasting global solutions. To help Americans understand the dynamic U.S.-China relationship and answer questions on issues that touch their daily lives, the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations in collaboration with The Carter Center is conducting the eighth annual CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections program at more than 70 locations nationwide featuring a live webcast and Q&A with former U.S. President Jimmy Carter on October 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. EDT. President Carter’s discussion and responses to questions submitted by the nationwide audience will be moderated by National Committee President Stephen Orlins.

In addition to the national portion of the program, each venue will have a prominent China specialist on site to address topics of interest to the local community, including economics and trade, energy and the environment, security and other issues.

At the Mason Global Center, Salon A, on the main Fairfax campus of George Mason University, the national webcast featuring President Carter will be immediately followed by a discussion with special Mason guest **Dr. Weiping Wu**, professor and chair of the Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning and senior fellow at the Council for Emerging Market Enterprises at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, both at Tufts University. Dr. Wu has also served as a consultant to the World Bank and a research fellow at the Brookings Institution. In a presentation entitled “The Prospects and Perils of Urbanizing China: Can China Move 250 Million People into Cities?” Dr. Wu will share her thoughts on the various opportunities and challenges presented by China’s ongoing and intensifying processes of urbanization and internal migration and will address questions from the audience.

An interactive list of program locations nationwide will be available at: www.ncuscr.org/cth

For more details and directions to George Mason University see:

<http://chss.gmu.edu/events/3729> and <http://www.gmu.edu/resources/welcome/Directions-to-GMU.html>. (Visitor parking in Mason Pond Deck.)

Jimmy Carter (James Earl Carter, Jr.) was the 39th President of the United States, serving from 1977 to 1981. Under Carter’s leadership, on January 1, 1979, the United States established diplomatic relations with the People’s Republic of China. In 1982, he became University Distinguished Professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and founded The Carter Center, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that addresses national and international issues of

public policy. Since leaving office, President Carter has visited China 12 times, including most recently in September 2014.

The National Committee on United States-China Relations is the leading national, non-partisan public affairs organization devoted exclusively to building constructive and durable relationships between the United States and China.

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