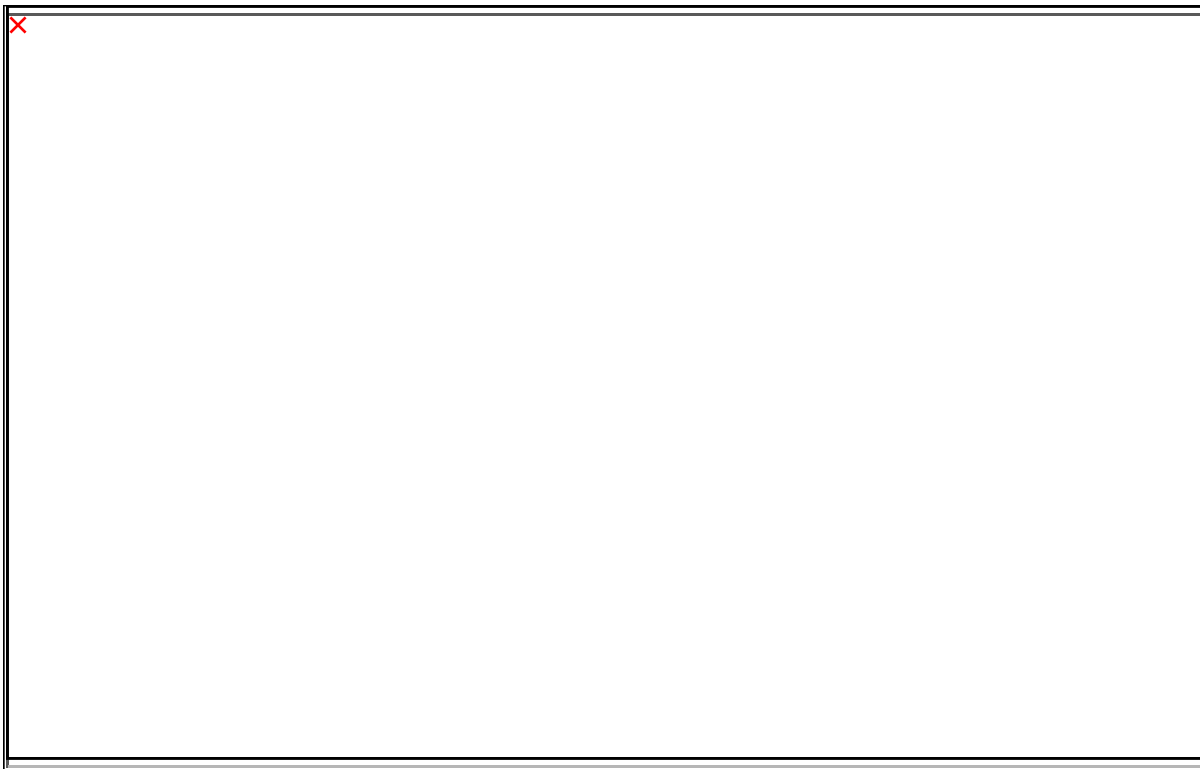


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The People's Republic of China and United States sat down to talk about world peace at a meeting held at Carlisle, Oct. 20.



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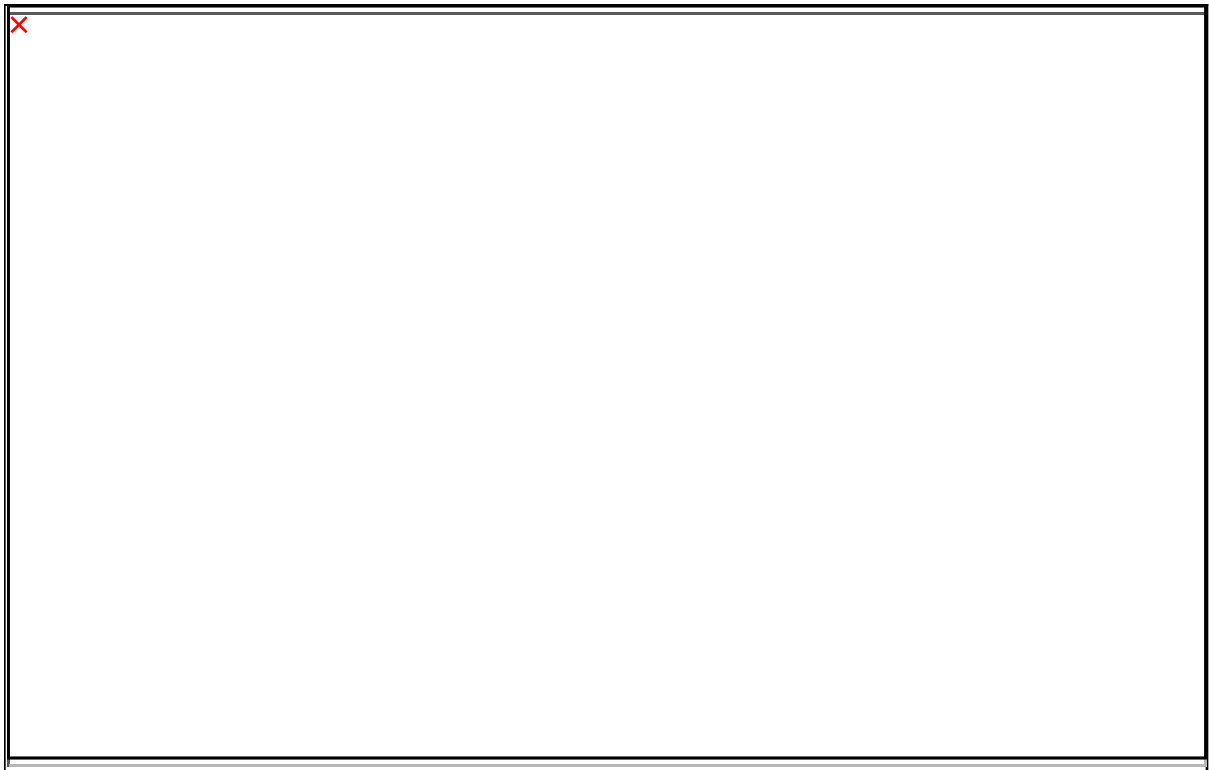
discussion, included a delegation of peacekeeping and stability experts from the Peoples Republic of China and hosts from the U.S. Army War College's Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute. This is the second US-China meeting on peacekeeping at the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute of the Army War College.

Col. Gregory Dewitt, the director of PKSOI, explains the history of the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute to a delegation of peacekeeping and stability experts from the Peoples Republic of China during a cordial, around the table discussion, Oct. 20.

The Chinese delegation comprised members of the Ministry of National Defense and Ministry of Public Security, to include the director of the Center for Security Cooperation within the MND's Office for International Military Cooperation. The two delegations discussed the increasing importance of peacekeeping and stability operations throughout the world during this, the second, U.S./China Peacekeeping Technical Experts Meeting.

A member of the Chinese team offered context for their interest in peacekeeping. He said that the country's importance in the world as the 2nd largest economy and their national interests explained their entry into peacekeeping. China's peacekeeping operations began in 1990 with five men. Since then, the country has pledged 8,000 stand-by troops for peacekeeping operations, 2,000 troops trained for minesweeping operations, and \$100,000,000 to be put to use toward peacekeeping and stability operations in Africa.

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conference the two groups talked also about the U.N.'s standards for peacekeeping operations around the world, and training peacekeepers to uphold these standards. The United Nations Peacekeeping site identifies Protection of Civilians as "the heart of the U.N. mandate," and the course of discussion revealed that to be equally important to both Chinese and U.S. significance of the topic to all at the table.

The delegations from both the U.S. and China take a moment to pose for a group photo during the second US-China meeting on peacekeeping at the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute of the Army War College, Oct. 20.

PKSOI representatives referred to the efforts of Hervé Ladsous, the Under Secretary General of the

UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations to establish cooperative support among all peacekeeping contributors. The US contributes to the development of standards and policy through the DoD executive agent, the Army, which has delegated that work to PKSOI. One example of the PKSOI working with the UN is that PKSOI is helping to develop one of two UN Counter-IED handbooks. While Ireland has the lead for this manual titled the "UN CIED Process", PKSOI will help to develop a final working draft then facilitate the reviewing process for final publication.

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PKSOI director Col. Gregory Dewitt thanked the Chinese for the dialogue. "We've enjoyed this dialog," said

Dewitt. "It's been extremely beneficial ... Based on the exchange, there's some common ground when it comes to peacekeeping operations."

Vince Lombardi once said, "Individual commitment to a group effort — that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

This exchange was sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, which hosted day one of the two-day exchange in the District of Columbia the previous day.