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Evaluating Asia-Pacific regional security and discovering areas for U.S. – China cooperation are among a few of the topics that were covered during the Chinese Academy of Military Science delegation’s visit to the U.S. Army War College from March 17 to 19.

The 10-member delegation, led by Maj. Gen. Pi Mingyong was engaged in discussing hot spots in the Asia Pacific, the U.S. military’s rebalancing towards the Pacific, maritime security, and China – U.S. military relations. The Chinese Academy of Military Science was founded in 1958 and is the highest level research institute of the People’s Liberation Army.

This is the first time the PLA has sent a group of strategic thinkers and high-level analysts to engage in an in-depth discussion with their

U.S. counterparts on security issues of vital importance to China and the U.S. The U.S. Army War College and Strategic Studies Institute are ideal places for in-depth U.S.- China military research and education exchanges, said Col. M. Scott Weaver, Director of Academic Engagement. Military exchanges at the level of the research and

Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo III, Commandant of the Army War College speaks with Maj. Gen. Pi Mingyong of the Chinese Academy of Military Science.

education institutions will promote a deeper understanding of the fundamentals at the two nations military and security organizations, he said.

Prof. Douglas Lovelace said he was pleased to host a delegation of senior officers from the People's Liberation Army/Academy of Military Science Agency. This exchange marks a significant resumption in the PLA's Academy of Military Science and U.S. Army War College relationship that began approximately 17 years ago. While the United States and Peoples Republic of China have developed extensive relations, in many areas, over the 35 years of ‘normalized relations,’ our military contacts have remained relatively few, and some might characterize them to be largely superficial. Much work remains to be done to establish the understanding that will lay the foundation for mutual trust and cooperation,” said Lovelace.

The delegation expressed their interest in institutionalizing this relationship and extended an invitation to the Commandant to lead a USAWC/SSI delegation to China in 2015. Developing a mutual understanding and trust is necessary to avoid misinterpretations and other errors, said Lovelace. “The U.S. and the People’s Republic of China are great powers. Our two militaries bear great responsibilities not only for each nation's security, but also for promoting international peace. Therefore, one cannot understate the importance of improving our relationship,” he said.

As relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China continue to advance, the People's Liberation Army have demonstrated their readiness to work towards improving their relationship with the U.S. military. Opening up a dialogue between the Academy of Military Science and the U.S. Army War College is a strategic step in the right direction for both nations. Chinese delegation exchanges ideas and information.



Officers from the Chinese Academy of Military Science toured the Army Heritage and Education Center during their visit to the U.S. Army War College

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