

Shandong Enterprises Going Global

Distinguished guests, colleagues, and friends, good afternoon!

This is Christiana, Jianying Zhao. On behalf of the CCPIT **Representative Office in the United States**, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the **China–U.S. Economic and Trade Cooperation Reception** and our special program **“Shandong Enterprises Going Global – U.S. Engagement.”**

Today’s event is **co-hosted** by the **CCPIT Shandong Sub-council**, the **U.S.-China Business Council (USCBC)**, and our **Representative Office**.

On this important occasion of SelectUSA Investment Summit, we have representatives from the U.S. Embassy in China, state and local economic development agencies, business associations, and companies from across the United States, as well as friends from the Chinese Embassy in USA, and around 20 person CCPIT Shandong business delegation who have traveled a long distances to visit USA.

Thanks again for being here.

Without further a due, I’d like to welcome Chairman **Meng Xiangdong to deliver**

the welcoming remarks:

Thank you very much, **Chairman Meng** for your thoughtful and forward-looking remarks, and thanks for overcoming so many difficulties to be here today!

Now, it is my honor to invite **Mr. Sean Stein**, President of the **U.S.-China Business Council**, to deliver his remarks.

Thank you, President Stein, for your insightful comments and for USCBC's long-standing role in supporting stable and constructive business ties.

Next, I would like to invite **Minister Lyu Jiang**, Minister for Economic and Commercial Affairs at the **Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States**, to share his remarks.

Thank you, Minister Lyu, for your comprehensive and encouraging remarks. Your perspective is invaluable for both our business communities.

Now, please join me in welcoming **Mr. Everett Wakai**, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs at the **U.S. Embassy in Beijing**, to offer his remarks.

Thank you, Minister Counselor Wakai. Your insights highlight the importance of continued dialogue and practical cooperation.

We will now hear from several representatives of U.S. state and local economic development agencies — key partners in building concrete business opportunities.

Anthony Andrews

Thank you, **Mr. Anthony Andrews**, International Business Development Manager at the **Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED), Washington, DC**. We appreciate your support for international business engagement.

Brandon Soloski

Thank you, **Mr. Brandon Soloski**, Senior Director at the **Center for Corporate Diplomacy, Meridian International Center**. Your work strengthens the foundation of people-to-people and corporate diplomacy.

Nathaniel Dick

Thank you, **Mr. Nathaniel Dick**, Senior International Business Development

Manager at the **Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina**. North Carolina continues to be an important partner for Chinese companies exploring U.S. opportunities.

Narbeli Galindo

Thank you, **Ms. Narbeli Galindo**, Economic Development Manager at the **Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation, Maryland**. We value Montgomery County's consistent support for global businesses.

Bob Zhang

Thank you, **Mr. Bob Zhang**, Head of Business Development at the **Howard County Economic Development Authority, Maryland**. Your contribution to strengthening local-global business ties is greatly appreciated.

And now I'd like to invite our Shandong business persons on stage to briefly introduce themselves so that you will know what they do and where to find them:

Closing Remark (with CISCE)

Thank you to all speakers and guests for your valuable insights and strong support. Today's discussions show that **practical cooperation remains not only possible, but welcomed and needed** by our business communities.

Before we move into the reception and networking session, I would like to warmly invite all of you to the **4th China International Supply Chain Expo (CISCE)** in Beijing in June this year — a global platform dedicated to **supply chain collaboration, innovation, and resilience**. We look forward to welcoming U.S. companies to participate.

Thank you again, and please enjoy the reception and networking.