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Can table tennis help reset the course of geopolitics between the world’s two largest economies? Before the exhibition, 2020 Olympic champion, Wang Manyu, focused on the competition without discussing politics.

“There are a lot of uncertainties in mixed doubles, but the two of us will still go out to fight each match,” said Wang.


China’s Ambassador to the U.S., Qin Gang, sent best wishes on Twitter. “50 years after ‘Ping Pong Diplomacy,’ Chinese and U.S. players are teaming up for mixed doubles at World Table Tennis Championships in Houston,” he wrote. “Wish them good luck in the coming games.”

Chen Xingtong, a previous gold medalist in both the World Cup and Asian Championships, said: “I hope that the friendship between China and the U.S. will last forever.”

The world’s number one player in men’s singles, Fan Zhendong, spoke like a seasoned diplomat when he said: “I feel very happy to participate … and then I wish all the athletes have a satisfactory performance.”

Even organizing this groundbreaking event required an unusual degree of cooperation – with the Chinese Table Tennis Association (CTTA) and the U.S. Table Tennis Association (USTTA), jointly applying to the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) to make it happen.

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