

U.S.-CHINA COUNTERPARTS SIDE-BY-SIDE



U.S. Official
and Chinese Counterpart*

President Barack Obama

President HU Jintao; Premier
WEN Jiabao

Vice President Joseph Biden

Vice President XI Jinping; Chair-
man of the National People's
Congress WU
Bangguo

Speaker John Boehner

Chairman of the National
People's Congress WU
Bangguo

House Majority Leader Cantor

No equivalent

House Minority Leader Pelosi

No equivalent

Senate Majority Leader Reid

No equivalent

Senate Minority Leader McConnell

No equivalent

Attorney General Eric Holder

Minister of Justice WU Aiy-
ing; Minister of Public Security
MENG Jianzhu; Chinese Party
Politburo Standing Commit-
tee Member ZHOU Yongkang
(China's Security Chief);
Procurator-general of the
Supreme People's Procuratorate
CAO Jianming

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

State Councilor DAI Bingguo
(S&ED Counterpart); Minister of
Foreign Affairs YANG Jiechi

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates

Gen. GUO Boxiong, Vice
Chairman of the Central
Military Commission (CMC);
Gen. XU Caihou, Vice Chair-
man of CMC; Gen. LIANG
Guanglie, Minister of National
Defense (All three are
considered counterparts, in
descending order of rank)

*The side-by-side reflects a close approximation of USG counterparts in China. Due to the different structures of our two systems of government, there is not always an obvious counterpart to a USG official (e.g. China has both a President and a Premier).

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Secretary of the Treasury Geithner

Vice Premier WANG Qishan
(S&ED Counterpart); Minister
of Finance XIE Xuren

Secretary of Energy Chu

Vice Chairman of National
Development and Reform
Commission/Administrator
of National Energy ZHANG
Guobao; Minister of Science
and Technology WAN Gang

Secretary of Commerce Locke

Minister of Commerce CHEN
Deming

Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack

Minister of Agriculture HAN
Changfu

Secretary of Labor Solis

Minister of Human Resources
and Social Security YIN Wei-
min

Secretary of Education Duncan

Minister of Education YUAN
Guiren

Secretary of Homeland Security
Napolitano

Minister of Public Security
MENG Jianzhu

HHS Secretary Sebelius

Minister of Health CHEN Zhu
No equivalent; Depending
on the issue, approximate
counterparts are the Admin-
istrator of the State Forestry
Administration JIA Zhibang,
Vice Chairman of the Nation-
al Development and Reform
Commission/Administrator
of National Energy ZHANG
Guobao; Minister of Science
and Technology WAN Gang;
or Minister of Water Resourc-
es CHEN Lei

Secretary of the Interior Salazar

Minister of Housing and
Urban-Rural Development
JIANG Weixin

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HUD Secretary Donovan

Minister of Housing & Urban-
Rural Development JIANG
Weixin

Secretary of Transportation LaHood

Minister of Transport LI Shenglin

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben
Bernanke

Governor of the People's Bank
of China ZHOU Xiaochuan

U.S. Ambassador to China Jon
Huntsman

Chinese Ambassador to the
United States ZHANG Yesui

U.S. Ambassador to the UN Susan
Rice

Permanent Representative of
China to the United Nations LI
Baodong

U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk

Minister of Commerce CHEN
Deming

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Mike
Mullen

No equivalent; visits hosted by
PLA Chief of the General Staff
General CHEN Bingde

Army Sec. John McHugh

No equivalent; closest
approximation is PLA Deputy
Chief of General Staff General
ZHANG Qinsheng

Navy Sec. Ray Mabus

No equivalent; closest
approximation is PLA Navy
Commander Admiral WU
Shengli

Air Force Sec. Michael Donley

No equivalent; closest
approximation is PLA Air Force
Commander General XU
Qiliang

OMB Director Jacob Lew

Minister of Finance XIE Xuren

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson

Minister of Environmental
Protection ZHOU Shengxian