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Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Four Seasons Hotel
2800 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

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Business Attire or National Dress

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Policy Achievement Award

Tom Donilon

National Security Advisor

Tom Donilon is the President's National Security Advisor. He oversees the National Security Council Staff, chairs the Cabinet level National Security Principals Committee, provides the President's daily national security briefing, and is responsible for the coordination and integration of the Administration's foreign policy, intelligence and military efforts. Mr. Donilon previously served as Assistant to the President and Principal Deputy National Security Advisor. In that role he was responsible for managing the U.S. Government's national security policy development and crisis management process. Mr. Donilon chaired the Obama-Biden transition at the U.S. Department of State. During the 2008 campaign, Mr. Donilon headed President Obama's general election debate preparation effort. Prior to his government service, Mr. Donilon was a partner at the international law firm of O'Melveny & Myers and served as a member of the firm's global governing committee.

Mr. Donilon has worked closely with and advised three U.S. Presidents since his first position at the White House in 1977 working with President Carter. He served as Assistant Secretary of State and Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of State during the Clinton Administration. In this capacity Mr. Donilon was responsible for the development and implementation of the Department's major policy initiatives, including NATO expansion, the Dayton Peace Accords, and the Middle East Peace process. Mr. Donilon received the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award—the Department's highest award—in November 1996. Mr. Donilon has been a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Aspen Strategy Group, the National Security Advisory Group to the Congressional Leadership, the Brookings Institution Board of Trustees, the Miller Center of Public Affairs Governing Council, and the Trilateral Commission. He received his undergraduate degree from Catholic University and his law degree from the University of Virginia. He lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife, Cathy Russell, and their children, Sarah (16) and Teddy (13).

Ms. Russell has been nominated by the president to serve as Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues at the State Department.



Diplomatic Achievement Award

His Excellency

Zhang Yesui

Deputy Foreign Minister, People's Republic of China

Zhang Yesui is Chinese Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. He was previously Ambassador to the United States from 2010 to 2013. From 2008 - 2010, he served as China's Ambassador to the United Nations.

In 2000, Ambassador Zhang was appointed Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs, responsible for administration, protocol, and personnel affairs. In 2003, he was appointed Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, responsible for Policy Planning; Africa, Europe, North America and Oceania Affairs; Arms Control and Disarmament; and International Treaty and Law.

Ambassador Zhang was born in October 1953 in Hubei Province. After studying at the Beijing Foreign Studies University and the London School of Economics, Zhang began his diplomatic career. Early in his career, he served in London, Beijing, and at China's Mission to the United Nations.

Accepting the award on behalf of Ambassador Zhang is

His Excellency

Cui Tiankai

Ambassador to the United States

Ambassador Cui began his tenure as China's Ambassador to the United States in March 2013. He was formerly Vice Foreign Minister from 2009 - 2013, responsible for Sino-American relations, among other issues.

Previously, Ambassador Cui served as China's Ambassador to Japan from 2007 - 2009. He was formerly Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs, as well as Director General of the Department of Asian Affairs and of the Policy Research Office.

From 1997 - 1999, he served as Minister Counselor at the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations, and early in his career was an interpreter in the Chinese service of the United Nations Secretariat.

Ambassador Cui was born in October 1952. He has a Master's degree in Laws, and has studied at Johns Hopkins University, the Beijing Institute of Foreign Languages, and Shanghai Normal University.



Global Business Leadership Award



Marriott International is a leading lodging company with more than 3,800 properties in 74 countries and territories worldwide. Based in Bethesda, Maryland, the company is experiencing dramatic growth in Asia with 159 new hotels under development in Asia, building on its portfolio of 139 hotels in 13 countries.

Marriott has aligned its business with what is important in the communities where the company operates hotels. In China, to help its next generation build careers in hospitality, the company has launched cooperation programs with 15 colleges in Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai, and Guiyang, and recruits more than 2,500 interns each year. The company plans to have a workforce of 40,000 associates in China by 2016, and 76,000 across Asia. Marriott has been named “Best Employer in China” and “Best Employer in Asia Pacific” by Aon Hewitt, and was the only hotel company among “China’s Top Employers 2012” chosen by the CRF Institute.

In Asia and around the world, Marriott hotels actively support their neighbors and guests through the “Spirit To Serve Our Communities” program. Marriott hotels in Asia promote workforce readiness by preparing youth from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds for jobs in the hospitality sector through both real-world and classroom experience, including the Youth Career Initiative in Thailand, Vietnam, and Mahindra Pride Schools in India.

In 2010, Marriott partnered with Conservation International and the Chinese government to launch “Nobility of Nature,” a water conservation program in Sichuan province to protect the source of fresh water for more than 2 billion people living in Asia by promoting sustainable livelihoods such as beekeeping. The program has tripled participants’ incomes. The honey is sold in Marriott hotels throughout China, and a portion of the proceeds is reinvested in the project.

In the United States, Marriott also works to reform the visa process—through its support for modernizing and expanding the Visa Waiver Program to allow more travelers from countries closely allied to the United States visa-free entry, facilitating the use of secure videoconferencing to conduct visa interviews, reducing visa wait times, and expanding the Global Entry Program.



Introducing

Josette Sheeran

President and CEO, Asia Society

Josette Sheeran is the seventh president and CEO of Asia Society. She was previously Vice Chair of the World Economic Forum, which hosts the annual Davos and Davos in China gathering of world leaders. Sheeran helped advance global initiatives and global, regional, and industry agendas such as Grow Africa, which has attracted \$4 billion in investment commitments to end hunger and malnutrition in Africa. This spring she also served at the Harvard Kennedy School as a Fisher Fellow in the Future of Diplomacy.

Prior to her tenure at the World Economic Forum, Sheeran was executive director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), appointed by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in 2006. There she was responsible for managing the world's largest humanitarian organization, leading a team of 13,000 people in more than 70 countries, and managing an annual budget of more than \$3 billion — including \$1 billion in Asia.

Under Sheeran's leadership, the WFP increased its donor base to more than 100 nations, and became the first global institution to include the so-called BRIC countries and the Gulf States among its top 10 donors. She put in place historic reforms of food aid, helping cut the cycle of hunger and malnutrition by purchasing nutritious food directly from developing world farmers.

Sheeran has also held senior positions in the U.S. government. As U.S. Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs, she led new State Department initiatives which supported economic transformation and reconstruction in Afghanistan and Central Asia, and with APEC and ASEAN. Earlier she served for five years as Deputy U.S. Trade Representative.

In 2011, Forbes named Sheeran the world's 30th most powerful woman; Foreign Policy has listed her among its top 100 women on Twitter; and her TED Talk on ending world hunger has been viewed more than one million times. She is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations and has served on its Washington Advisory Board. She has received several honors for her leadership in the fight against hunger and malnutrition: Japan's Nigata International Food Award; France's Commandeur de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole; and Brazil's highest civilian award, the Grand Official Order of the 'Rio Branco,' from President Lula Da Silva. She was honored with the Huffington Post's "Game Changer" award in 2011, along with Liberian President Ellen Sirleaf Johnson and economist Esther Duflo. She has twice served as a Pulitzer Prize juror.

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