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Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former Chinese Minister of Commerce Chen Deming were among the more than 600 guests who turned out to mark the 30th anniversary of The Hopkins-Nanjing Center. The June 17–19, 2016, celebration in Nanjing, China, included Chinese and international alumni, leaders of Johns Hopkins University and Nanjing University, distinguished guests, students, friends, and supporters.

At the 30th Anniversary Convocation, both Albright and Chen, who is an alumnus of the HNC and current president of the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits, spoke of their role in the development of U.S.–China relations and the evolution of The Hopkins-Nanjing Center in step with the larger bilateral relationship.

“Our two countries’ relations are far warmer, deeper, and more productive than anyone would have dared to predict 30 years ago...” Albright said. “The HNC has played a vital role in fostering and sustaining these discussions over the past 30 years and it will surely do even more in the decades to come.”



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OPPOSITE PAGE Johns Hopkins President Ronald J. Daniels greets Jiangsu Provincial Party Secretary Luo Zhijun and chair of the JHU Board of Trustees, Jeff Aronson.

ABOVE HNC students Xiaochen Cai and Erin Daniels celebrate the 30th anniversary in Nanjing.

LEFT Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright met with the HNC students and alumni in a private session to discuss the American foreign policy toolkit.



ABOVE HNC alumni, friends and supporters gather outside The Hopkins-Nanjing Center 30th Anniversary celebration at Nanjing University.

BELOW Alumni from the HNC class of 1995: Susan Corbisiero, Kevin Qi (Qi Kezhan), Kari Roe, Helen Yan (Yan Yunqing).



Other weekend events included a forum on Sino-global relations, a traditional folk music performance by Nanjing University musicians, a gala dinner, and Commencement for the HNC's Class of 2016.

On Oct. 10, the anniversary celebration continued in Washington, DC, where SAIS hosted a reception in honor of the founders of The Hopkins-Nanjing Center. Several Nanjing University officials, led by Chancellor Zhang Yibin, joined other special guests who played a role in the HNC's earliest years.



Introducing David J. Davies

David J. Davies N'98, who became the 15th American co-director of The Hopkins-Nanjing Center (HNC) in July 2016, brings deep firsthand knowledge to the facility in Nanjing, China. Davies was a student at the HNC from 1997-1998, a visiting scholar in 2006, and the interim American co-director in 2011.

Prior to joining the HNC, Davies was a professor of anthropology and director of the East Asian Studies Program at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn.

He holds a PhD in socio-cultural anthropology from the University of Washington and has extensive research and work experience in East Asia, with a primary emphasis on China. For the past 25 years, he has published on a wide range of topics, from China's history and social memory of the late Mao period to the rise of corporate culture and celebrity entrepreneurs in China. "The HNC is a one-of-a-kind residential academic community where a shared commitment to cross-cultural learning and



linguistic fluency are at the center of everything we do," Davies said. "Together we live, study, discuss, and debate the most important issues faced by China, America, and the world."



ABOVE Nanjing University Chancellor Zhang Yibin at Johns Hopkins SAIS in October at reception in honor of the founders of The Hopkins-Nanjing Center.

LEFT Dean Nasr spoke to the Sino-Global Forum in Nanjing, noting HNC's key role in the SAIS community and unique multi-cultural and bilingual learning environment.