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Yale-China Brings China to New Haven as 100,000 Strong Signature Partner

New Haven, Conn. – The Yale-China Association will serve as one of the 100,000 Strong Foundation’s eight signature partners in 2013-14. This competitive designation will result in local, New Haven students committing to discuss and strengthen U.S.-China relations, bringing this issue out of the headlines and into local communities. Ten students will be designated by Yale-China as 100,000 Strong Student Ambassadors. Yale-China joins a select group of organizations at the front-line of creating personal ties between the two countries.

The 100,000 Strong Foundation is a response to President Barack Obama’s call to increase the number of American students studying in China and continues to engage the active partnership of John F. Kerry, Secretary of State. These inaugural signature partner organizations are at the forefront of building one-on-one, international connections. “Each is a leader in the field of study abroad and can serve as a model for other programs around the country. These partners are making our goal of increasing and diversifying study abroad a reality,” said Carola McGiffert, president of the 100,000 Strong Foundation.

The Yale-China Association has brought Americans to China for over a century, programs that have become ever more prominent as the profile of the U.S.-China relationship has risen. “Yale-China sees the clear advantage in tapping into the youth of New Haven to find creative and thoughtful ways to increase understanding on both sides. Yale-China could not be more excited to bridge this relationship as a 100,000 Strong Signature Partner,” said Nancy Yao Maasbach, executive director of the Yale-China Association.

About the Yale-China Association

The Yale-China Association (雅礼协会) inspires people to learn and serve together. Founded in 1901 by graduates of Yale University, it fosters long-term relationships that improve education, health, and cultural understanding in China and the United States. Please visit our website (<http://www.yalechina.org/>), follow us on twitter (@YaleChina) or visit us on Facebook. For the 100,000 Strong Foundation’s list of signature partners, please see <http://100kstrong.org/initiatives/>. For their press release about the event, see <http://100kstrong.org/2013/09/18/100000-strong-foundation-unveils-signature-partners/>.

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