

## Sub-National Strength

*For decades, American and Chinese cities and state governments, businesses, schools, and non-profit groups have been establishing connections and relationships across the Pacific.*

*Some of these relationships and associations have produced exceptional opportunities for understanding and trust.*

*Now is the time for these relationships to form new communities and capacities for advancement.*



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### Receive:

**Advice** on where, with whom, and how to connect

**Consultation** on inter-program collaboration

**Professional education and training**  
*(we hold weekly Seattle events and can be contracted for any location worldwide)*

Team Building  
Non-verbal Communication  
Critical Thinking  
Professional Networking

### Share:

**Experience**, information and insight

**Opportunities** to collaborate

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## The Tai Initiative

Inspiring  
New  
Thinking  
about the  
American  
& Chinese  
Relationship



# Promoting communication, understanding, and trust through subnational excellence

## Who does the Tai Initiative work with?

We work with leaders of American and Chinese subnational organizations across government, education, business, non-profit and cultural sectors.



## Our Three-Fold Strategy...

- Network subnational leaders into collaborative communities
- Teach others-centered leadership
- Promote civil dialogue on civilization

## ....and projects to match

- Daily Outreach & Annual Conferences
- Leadership Seminars in USA & PRC
- 泰论坛 *tailuntan* (online public forum) & China Cabinets

## What does The Tai Initiative do?

We make *good* leaders **great** so they can contribute their skills to mightily benefit American/Chinese relations

## Why does the Tai Initiative focus on the sub-national level?

The subnational level has already demonstrated the greatest examples of successful American/Chinese communication, understanding, and **trust**. We believe this has been achieved in part due to the absence of sovereignty. The time has come for subnational leadership to assist the resolution of the greatest challenges at the national level; at The Tai Initiative we provide encouragement and capacity for such leadership to do so effectively. What role will **you** play?



## The Four Levels of China/America relations

### Civilizational

Sublime; what does it mean to be Chinese? To be American? How are we alike?

### National

Dominates current thinking; USA/PRC identities highly distinct; largest obstacles.

### Subnational

Accomplishes the majority of successful relationships unfettered by sovereignty.

### Individual

The genuine basis of all human relationships; this identity is often blended or blurred.



A growing China means a more capable partner for addressing and solving national and international problems. The business community understands the value of cooperation. The cultural community understands the value of understanding and respecting each other. The education community understands the value of collaboration. Isn't it time these communities worked together with their governments to build stronger trust?