

United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken in China

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## President Xi Jinping Meets with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken

President Xi Jinping meets with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken at the Great Hall of the People.

President Xi said that Director Wang Yi and State Councilor Qin Gang described their talks with Secretary Blinken as candid and in-depth. The Chinese side has made its position clear, and the two sides have agreed to follow through the common understandings President Biden and I had reached in Bali. The two sides also made progress and reached agreement on some specific issues.

State-to-state interactions should always be based on mutual respect and sincerity. I hope that Secretary Blinken, through this visit, could make positive contributions to stabilizing China-U.S. relations.

## Wang Yi: Asia-Pacific Cooperation should Return to the Right Direction

On June 19, Wang Yi, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, stated China's position on the U.S. advancement of the so-called "Indo-Pacific Strategy" during his meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

Wang stressed that the so-called "Indo-Pacific Strategy" is essentially about bringing major-country rivalry to and creating camp-based confrontation in the Asia-Pacific region. U.S. actions have changed the status quo of peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific, undermined the way by which Asia-Pacific countries get along in harmony as neighbors, distorted the industrial and supply chains in the region, and weakend the ASEAN-centered regional cooperation architecture. The United States has turned away from an open and inclusive regional policy, and is moving toward an exclusive and divisive one. It runs counter to the overarching trend toward prosperity and development in the Asia-Pacific.

Wang said that hosting this year's APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting is an important opportunity for the U.S. side to re-think and re-calibrate its Asia-Pacific policy. China is ready to work with the United States to explore a way for constructive interaction in the Asia-Pacific, and hopes that the U.S. will play its role as the host of APEC and work with China to enable Asia-Pacific cooperation to return to the right direction.

## Qin Gang Holds Talks with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken

On June 18, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Qin Gang held talks with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Beijing.

Qin pointed out that the China-U.S. relationship is at the lowest point since its establishment. This does not serve the fundamental interests of the two peoples or meet the shared expectations of the international community. China's policy toward the U.S. remains consistent and stable. It is fundamentally guided by the principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation put forward by President Xi Jinping. These principles should also be the spirit jointly upheld, the red line jointly defended and the goal jointly pursued by both sides. China is committed to building a stable, predictable and constructive relationship with the U.S. China hopes that the U.S. will adopt an objective and rational perception of China, work with China in the same direction, uphold the political foundation of China-U.S. relations, and handle unexpected and sporadic events in a calm, professional and rational manner. The two sides should deliver on the common understandings reached by President Xi and President Biden in Bali in letter and spirit, and

work to stabilize and steer the relations back to the right track.

Qin expounded on China's firm position and raised clear demands on the Taiwan question and other core interests and major concerns. Qin pointed out that the Taiwan question is the core of China's core interests, the most consequential issue and the most pronounced risk in the China-U.S. relationship. The Chinese side urged the U.S. side to abide by the one-China principle and the three China-U.S. joint communiqués, and truly deliver on its commitment of not supporting "Taiwan independence."

The two sides had candid, in-depth and constructive talks at length on the overall bilateral ties and important issues.

Both sides agreed to jointly implement the important common understandings reached by the two presidents in Bali, effectively manage differences, and advance dialogue, exchanges and cooperation.

Both sides agreed to maintain high-level interactions. Secretary Blinken invited State Councilor and Foreign Minister Qin to visit the U.S., and Qin expressed his readiness to make the visit at a mutually convenient time.

Both sides agreed to keep moving forward consultations on the guiding principles of China-U.S. relations.

Both sides agreed to continue advancing consultations through the joint working group to address specific issues in the relations

Both sides agreed to encourage more people-to-people and educational exchanges, and had positive discussions on increasing passenger flights between the two countries. Both sides welcomed more mutual visits by students, scholars and business people, and agreed to provide support and facilitation to this end.

The two sides also exchanged views on major international and regional issues of mutual interest.