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A Glimpse at the Next US Administration's China Policy

This is a unique moment in American and Chinese history. Over the last eight years China has come into its own on the international scene. When the next president takes over in January, the relationship between Washington and Beijing will be vastly different from the one that George W. Bush inherited in 2000. November's election will shape the direction of US foreign policy for years to come.

With this in mind, *China Brief* is extremely proud to publish, exclusively, the China policy agendas of US presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama in their own, unedited words. These articles represent the first time since they began campaigning that the candidates have written specifically addressing China issues. They are the first real glimpse into what US-China relations might look like under their respective administrations. AmCham-China is pleased that the candidates have chosen us as a vehicle to deliver their message and we believe it is a testament to the high esteem in which you—*China Brief* readers and AmCham-China members—are held.

As a non-profit, non-partisan organization, the American Chamber of Commerce in China is an honest broker in the debate over foreign policy. We are uniquely positioned to work with both Democratic and Republican officials toward our goal of strengthening economic ties between America and China. We have no bias toward either candidate and have a long record of working with both parties. Our neutrality even extends to the article placement and cover picture order in this issue: they were decided alphabetically.

Beyond our ties to the US government, our excellent relationship with the Chinese government allows us to serve as objective intermediaries. Many Chinese officials receive *China Brief* monthly, and in order to increase accessibility for them and other Chinese readers, we are publishing translated versions of Mr. McCain and Mr. Obama's articles. Finally, we have sent these articles to several top government officials in Beijing. It is our way of helping to build more bridges between the current leaders in China and the next American administration.

Regardless of who wins the November election, AmCham-China will work with his administration to continue to improve the international business environment in China and promote the rule of law, market access and fair treatment for American companies.

In this historic year, AmCham-China is proud to be playing a role in informing a wider audience about the issues underlying the debate over America's future.

Josh Gartner
Managing Editor

Election Day Party

AmCham and the American Embassy invite you to watch real-time election results.

Date: **November 5**

Venue: TBA

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