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Hearing on “China’s Media and Information Controls - The Impact in China and the United States”

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The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 10, 2009 on “China’s Media and Information Controls - The Impact in China and the United States.” **The hearing will be held at 8:15 am in Room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building**, located at First Street and Constitution Avenues, NE, Washington DC, 20510

The September 10 hearing will examine the status of China’s commitments to greater media reforms, coverage of sensitive news stories in Chinese news media including Charter ’08 and the Global Financial Crisis, and information technology and freedom of expression in China.

Scheduled to testify on September 10 are Mr. Phelim Kine, Asia Researcher at the Human Rights Watch; Ms. Madeline Earp, Asia Research Associate at the Committee to protect Journalists; Dr. Victor Shih, Assistant Professor of Politics at Northwestern University; Dr. Perry Link, Professor of Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages at the University of California; Mr. Lawrence Liu, Senior Counsel at the Congressional-Executive Commission on China; Mr. Robert Guerra, Project Director for Internet Freedom at the Freedom House; and Dr. Robert Faris, Research Director of the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University . [A copy of the complete hearing agenda is attached at the end of this press announcement.](#)

Hearing Co-Chairs: Chairman Carolyn Bartholomew and Commissioner Daniel Blumenthal

What: Public Hearing on “China’s Media and Information Controls - The Impact in China and the United States”

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Where: Room 562, Dirksen Senate Office Building, First Street and Constitution Avenues, NE Washington DC 20510

Panelists’ bios and written statements will be available on the Commission’s Web Site at www.uscc.gov on Thursday, September 10, 2009.

Reservations are not required to attend – seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Commissioners’ Opening Statements

8:30 am – 9:45 am

Panel I: The Status of China’s Commitments to Greater Media Reforms

- Mr. Phelim Kine, Asia Researcher, Human Rights Watch, Hong Kong
- Ms. Madeline Earp, Asia Research Associate, the Committee to protect Journalists, New York, NY

10:00 am – 11:15 am

Panel II: Coverage of Sensitive News Stories in Chinese News Media: Charter ’08 and the Global Financial Crisis

- Dr. Victor Shih, Assistant Professor of Politics, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- Dr. Perry Link, Professor of Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages, University of California, Riverside, CA
- Mr. Lawrence Liu, Senior Counsel, Congressional-Executive Commission on China, Washington, DC

11:30 am – 12:45 pm

Panel III: Information Technology and Freedom of Expression in China

- Mr. Robert Guerra, Project Director for Internet Freedom, Freedom House, Washington, DC
- Dr. Robert Faris, Research Director, Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

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