

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL
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**“TARIFFS, SUPPLY CHAIN SHIFTS, AND
THE FUTURE GLOBAL MANUFACTURING COMPETITIVENESS”**

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 (Program - Subject to Change)

Thursday, October 22, 2026

7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Registration, Breakfast, and Networking
8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Welcome Remarks and Overview Siva Yam, President, U.S.-China Chamber of Commerce; Eric Rock, Founder & Managing Partner, Rock Trade Law; Yi Zhang, Principal, Plante Moran.
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	The New Era of Global Trade, Manufacturing, and Consumer Markets Craig VanGrasstek, PhD, Trade Historian, Author of <i>On Trade War</i> and Other Titles
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Navigating and Coping with the Rapidly Changing Tariff Environment Eric Rock, Esq., Founder & Managing Partner, Rock Trade Law
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Supply Chain Reconfiguration: The Rise of Multi-Country Manufacturing Strategies Jeffrey Allbright, Chairman, Yanmar America; Mary Buchzeiger, CEO, Lucerne International
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Resilience and Diversification Without Abandoning China: Alternative Manufacturing Hubs Steven Sirota, Chief Operating Officer, SES, LLC; Michael Rodenberg, CEO, Nifco America Corp
11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Adapting Transportation Networks to Changing Trade Patterns Bill Hohenadel, Trade Lane Manager, Gebrüder Weiss Inc.
12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Luncheon, Keynote Address and Performance The Honorable Wang Baodong, Consul General of the People's Republic of China Hannah White, Award Winning Violinist
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Afternoon Keynote: "The Impact of AI Technology and Automation on Competitiveness" Rick Inatome, Transformative Business and AI Technology Leader, Entrepreneur, and Investor; Entrepreneur of the Year, <i>Inc. Magazine</i> .
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Two Paths to an AI-Powered Future: What the U.S. and China Can Teach Business Leaders About Productivities, Automation and Trust Leon Bian, Fellow, World Academy of Productivity Science; MIT Sloan Alumni Board Chair
3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Coffee Break
3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Protecting Supply Chain Sovereignty and Market Share: Buying Resilience Through Mergers and Acquisitions or Organic Growth Don Hall, Chief Financial Officer, Zippo; Tony Lutz, President, Elkay Interior Systems
4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	Selling Overseas: How to Reposition U.S. SMEs During a Disruptive Trade Environment Asher Provda, CEO, TPG Creations/The Pencil Grip; TBA
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Cocktail Reception

Friday, October 23, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Networking
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Risk Mapping, Cybersecurity, and Compliance Amaninder Bhullar, General Counsel, Allied Mineral Products; Leon Bian, Fellow, World Academy of Productivity Science; MIT Sloan Alumni Board Chair
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	"China's Road to 2035: Innovation, Digital Transformation, Smart Manufacturing, National Self-Reliance" and Its Implications on Global Trade and Market Panel Discussion: Bing Xiang, Founder & CEO, Bossbolo Software (Chengdu, China); Yi Zhang, Principal, Plante Moran
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Talent Requirements to Stay Competitive in the AI Economy Rick Inatome, Transformative Business and AI Technology Leader, Entrepreneur, and Investor; Entrepreneur of the Year, <i>Inc. Magazine</i> .
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Future Trade and Tariff Outlook: Strategic Priorities for Governments and Businesses Craig VanGrasstek, PhD, Trade Historian, Author of <i>On Trade War</i> and Other Titles; Eric Rock, Founder & Managing Partner, Rock Trade Law; Yi Zhang, Principal, Plante Moran



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By Mail: Please complete the attached registration form and return it, along with a check payable to U.S.-China Chamber of Commerce with the appropriate fee or credit card information, to:

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Fees (in \$US)

\$545	Non-Members
\$445	Members of the U.S.-China Chamber of Commerce
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\$100	Early Registration Discount - Registration by Monday, September 15, 2026
\$50	Group Discount - Three or more participants from the same organization
\$50	Discount - Previous USCCC Conference Participants
\$65	Traditional Chinese Dinner (Optional) October 22 (Chinatown - transportation will be provided)

Registration Deadline

Enrollment is limited. Early enrollment is encouraged, and a discount through September 15 is offered. Please register on or before Friday, October 16, 2026.

Location

Union League Club of Chicago (ULCC), 65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604. (312)-427-7800.

Accommodations

The Union League Club of Chicago has made a block of rooms available for conference participants at a special rate of \$279.00 per night. Please contact the Union League Club of Chicago's reservation line at (312)427-7800 or (800) 443-0578 and mention USCCC to **make a reservation at your earliest convenience, as space is very limited.**

Refunds

A full refund less a \$100 administrative charge will be made for cancellation of each registrant by noon, 12 P.M., CST, Tuesday, October 20. You are welcome to send a substitute in your place; if you wish to do so, please inform our office.

Additional Notes

Dinner on October 22 is not included. However, a traditional Chinese dinner at a restaurant in Chinatown, Chicago, will be served at \$65.00 per person. Transportation to and from the restaurant will be arranged. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

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