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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 *On Trade War* 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 and Networking**
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	**Resilience and Diversification Without Abandoning China: Alternative Manufacturing Hubs** Steven Sirota, Chief Operating Officer, SES, LLC; Kris Kraman, Director, Supply Chain Operations, Mars International Inc.
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, *Inc. Magazine*.
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 and Networking**
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; Mary Buchzeiger, CEO, Lucerne International
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. –10:00 a.m.	**Risk Mapping, Security, and Compliance** Amaninder Bhullar, General Counsel, Allied Mineral Products; Mai Der Shaw, Deputy General Counsel, Harley-Davidson Motor Company; Poonam Arora, Director, Trade Compliance, Harley-Davidson Motor Company
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	**"China's Road to 2035: Innovation, Digital Transformation, Smart Manufacturing, National Self-Reliance" and Its Implications on Global Trade and Market** Bing Xiang, Founder & CEO, Bulore Software; Yi Zhang, Principal, Plante Moran; Leon Bian, Fellow, World Academy of Productivity Science; MIT Sloan Alumni Board Chair
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	**Coffee Break and Networking**
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, *Inc. Magazine*.
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 *On Trade War* and Other Titles; Eric Rock, Founder & Managing Partner, Rock Trade Law; Yi Zhang, Principal, Plante Moran

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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 21, 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 21 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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