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## **U.S.-China Relations** *The Views of a Yale Man in the Chinese Court*

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Henry R. Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue**

All nations vie for significant presence on the world stage. But the People's Republic of China has more than just emerged from the wings – its recent successes give it claim to the center-stage of superstars. Yet what role will it play? *Trustworthy friend or challenging adversary? Global humanitarian or insatiable tycoon? Prudent world leader or self-absorbed superpower?* What has the past decade taught us about the realities of U.S. relations with China, and what does the future hold? Ambassador Randt will share his insights on this evolving relationship. Opportunity for questions will follow his remarks. The Ambassador's lecture and responses will be off-the-record.

**Clark T. Randt, Jr.** is the longest serving United States Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, arriving in Beijing in this capacity on July 23, 2001. A lawyer fluent in Mandarin, he has lived and worked in Asia for over 30 years. From 1982 through 1984, he served as First Secretary and Commercial Attache at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. He then lived in Hong Kong for 18 years, most recently working as a partner with the international law firm of Shearman & Sterling, heading the firm's substantial China practice. Randt is a member of the New York and Hong Kong bars, a recognized expert on Chinese law, and a former Governor, First Vice President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. After preparing at Hotchkiss School, Randt graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in 1968 and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan in 1975.

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