Fast Track to Recovery: US-China Collaboration on COVID-19 Prevention and Treatment

Participant Biographies



John R. Allen, President, The Brookings Institution

John Rutherford Allen assumed the presidency of the Brookings Institution in November 2017 after having served as chair of security and strategy and a distinguished fellow at Brookings. Allen is a retired U.S. Marine Corps four-star general and former commander of the NATO International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and U.S. Forces in Afghanistan. After retiring

from the Marine Corps, he served as senior advisor to the secretary of defense on Middle East Security, during which he led the security dialogue for the Israeli/Palestinian peace process, and then as special presidential envoy to the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL.



Qiu Yong, President, Tsinghua University

Qiu Yong has been president of Tsinghua University since 2015 and a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences since 2013. He is currently a member of the Standing Committee of the 13th National People's Congress, vice chairman of the Education, Science, Culture and Public Health Committee of the 13th National People's Congress, and deputy to the 13th National

People's Congress. Professor Qiu's research interests primarily focus on organic electronics, optoelectronics, semiconductors, and organic light emitting materials and devices. He has been devoted to both fundamental research on Organic Light Emitting Diodes (OLED) and technology transfer. Professor Qiu enrolled at Tsinghua University in 1983, where he received both his B.A. (1988) and Ph.D. (1994) in chemistry. He joined the Tsinghua University faculty in the Department of Chemistry in 1994.



Tom Frieden, President and CEO, Resolve to Save Lives; Former Director, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Dr. Tom Frieden is currently president and CEO of Resolve to Save Lives, a 5-year initiative of Vital Strategies, working with countries to prevent 100 million deaths and to make the world safer from epidemics. He is also senior fellow for global health at the Council on Foreign

Relations. Dr. Frieden began his public health career in New York City confronting the largest outbreak of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis to occur in the U.S. He was then assigned to India, where he helped scale up a program for effective tuberculosis diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring. Upon returning to New York City to become Mayor Mike Bloomberg's Health Commissioner, he directed efforts to reduce smoking and other leading causes of death. As director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Frieden oversaw the work that helped end the 2014 West Africa Ebola epidemic.



George F. Gao, Director-General, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. George Gao (Gao Fu) is director-general of Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, vice president of the National Natural Science Foundation of China, dean of the Savaid Medical School at the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, and director and professor of the Key Laboratory of Pathogenic Microbiology and Immunology at the Chinese

Academy of Sciences. He is a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, a fellow of The Third World Academy of Sciences, a fellow of the African Academy of Sciences, and a foreign associate of the National

Academy of Sciences in the United States, Germany, and Brazil. His research interests include enveloped viruses and molecular immunology, including a focus on enveloped virus entry and release, especially influenza virus interspecies transmission, structure-based drug-design, and structural immunology. He is also interested in virus ecology, especially the relationship between influenza virus and migratory birds or live poultry markets and bat-derived virus ecology and molecular biology.



Jane Henney, Lead Director, AmerisourceBergen Corporation; Former Commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Dr. Jane Henney was the first woman to serve as commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (from 1998-2001), where she had previously served as Deputy Commissioner for Operations. She was deputy director of the National Cancer Institute from 1980-1985. She

has also led the Academic Health Science Centers at the University of Cincinnati and the University of New Mexico. She currently is lead director of the AmerisourceBergen Corporation and previously served on the boards of AstraZeneca PLC, Cubist Pharmaceuticals Inc., and Cigna Corporation. Dr. Henney has been named one of the top 100 corporate directors by the National Association of Corporate Directors. She has also served non-profit boards, including the China Medical Board, the Commonwealth Fund, and the Monell Center for the Chemical Senses. She has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine and the National Academy of Sciences, for which she has served as home secretary since 2014. Dr. Henney received her undergraduate degree from Manchester College in Indiana and her M.D. from Indiana University School of Medicine.



Cheng Li, Director and Senior Fellow, John L. Thornton China Center, The Brookings Institution

Cheng Li is director and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution's John L. Thornton China Center. Dr. Li is also a director of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, a distinguished fellow at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs and Public

Policy, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Li's research areas include the transformation of the Chinese leadership, generational change and technological development in China, public health, and the Chinese middle class. He is the author and editor of 15 books, including *The Political Mapping of China's Tobacco Industry and Anti-Smoking Campaign* and *Middle Class Shanghai: Reshaping U.S.-China Engagement*. Li received an M.A. in Asian Studies from the University of California at Berkeley and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Princeton University.



W. Ian Lipkin, Director, Center for Infection and Immunity, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

Dr. Ian Lipkin is the director of the Center for Infection and Immunity at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. Internationally recognized for his work in public health, Lipkin's technologies of next-gen sequencing, VirCapSeq-VERT, BacCapSeq, and

multiplexed serological assays have been critical in mitigating outbreak response, notably with West Nile Virus, SARS, MERS, Zika, encephalitis, and COVID-19. Additionally, he has completed extensive work in chronic disease and led studies disproving the MMR vaccine as a causative factor in autism and XMRV in ME/CFS. Lipkin was chief scientific consultant on the film "Contagion" and works with the Director's Guild of America for safe return to work protocols. He also consulted with the DNCC in 2020 on testing protocols and site safety and reunited with the "Contagion" cast to record social distancing PSAs in March 2020.



Wu Zunyou, Chief Epidemiologist, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. Wu Zunyou is chief epidemiologist and director of the Division of Health Education and Intervention in the National Center for AIDS/STC Control and Prevention (NCAIDS) at the in the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention. He also serves as an adjunct professor of epidemiology at the UCLA School of Public Health. Dr. Wu has been involved in

HIV/AIDS research and public health programs for over 30 years. He is also a member of the UNAIDS Scientific Expert Panel and UNAIDS Evaluation Expert Advisory Committee. Dr. Wu worked on combatting the SARS virus in 2003 and attended the 56th World Health Assembly as part of the delegation led by Vice Premier Wu Yi. Dr. Wu joined efforts to control the COVID-19 pandemic beginning in January 2020 and served as a member of the WHO-China joint mission in February 2020.



Xue Lan, Cheung Kong Chair, Distinguished Professor and Dean, Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University

Xue Lan is Cheung Kong Chair Distinguished Professor, dean of Schwarzman College, and director of the Institute for AI International Governance at Tsinghua University. His teaching and research interests include STI policy, crisis management, and global governance. Professor

Xue also serves as the chair of the National Expert Committee on the New Generation AI Governance, a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, and an adjunct professor at Carnegie Mellon University. He is a recipient of the Fudan Distinguished Contribution Award for Management Science.



Zhang Wenhong, Professor and Head of the Center for Infectious Disease, Huashan Hospital; Head, Shanghai Anti-COVID-19 clinical expert team

Dr. Zhang Wenhong is professor and head of the Center for Infectious Disease at Huashan Hospital and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at Fudan University in Shanghai. In 2020, Dr. Zhang was appointed to lead Shanghai's Anti-COVID-19 clinical expert team. He

has extensive experience with the diagnosis and treatment of various emerging infectious diseases. He has led a number of multi-center registered clinical trials in the areas of flu, tuberculosis, viral hepatitis, sepsis, and drug resistant bacterial infections. He also is the associate chair of the Chinese Association of Infectious Diseases, associate chair of the Chinese Doctor Society of Internal Medicine, chief editor of Chinese Journal of Infectious Diseases, and associate editor of Emerging Microbes and Infections.



Zhong Nanshan, Head, Expert Group, National Health Commission

Dr. Zhong Nanshan serves as head of the Senior Expert Group of the National Health Commission and head of Interagency Mechanism Scientific Research Group for the COVID-19 pandemic. He was the first person to announce publicly the "human-to-human" transmission of COVID-19. Dr. Zhong is an academician of the Chinese Academy of

Engineering, recipient of the Medal of the Republic, professor of respiratory medicine at Guangzhou Medical University, chief scientist of the 973 Program, former president of the Chinese Medical Association, one of the first HKU Centennial Distinguished Chinese Scholars, member of the WHO Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response, and director-general of the National Clinical Research Center for Respiratory Disease. Dr. Zhong is a pioneer in the prevention and treatment of major infectious diseases of the respiratory system and has developed guidelines for the diagnosis and management of bronchial asthma, COPD, chronic cough, SARS, high-pathogenic avian flu, and COVID-19.