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The Honorable Wang Yunxiang is executive vice president of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA). CPIFA was established in 1949, and the U.S.–China Congressional relationship began with this institute in 1972 following President Richard M. Nixon's visit to China in 1971. Since that time, CPIFA has been associated with the US-China relations as of today. He was consul general of the People's Republic of China in San Francisco from 1999–2003, following over thirty years as a diplomat. Due to his long career at home and abroad, Wang has developed an informed perspective on Chinese social and economic issues and the changes that have resulted from China's membership in the World Trade Organization. His previous assignments have included Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia (1996–99), deputy director general of the Information Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1991–96), counselor of the Chinese Embassy in Norway (1990–91), counselor of the Department of West European Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1988–90), the first secretary to the counselor of the Chinese Embassy in Uganda (1984–88), staff member in the Information Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1978–84), attaché at the Chinese Embassy in the Republic of Malta (1972–1978). A native of Heilongjiang Province in northeast China, that is where Wang began his career as a staff member in the Bureau of Agricultural Machinery (1966–72).