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SelectUSA Luncheon to Connect Top Chinese Investors with American Business Opportunities

June 14, 2017, WASHINGTON -- One hundred top Chinese business leaders visiting Washington for the 2017 SelectUSA Investment Summit will attend a luncheon hosted by RBR Investments on June 18 to discuss opportunities for investing in U.S. companies. American guests will include Holly Vineyard, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Global Markets at the U.S. Department of Commerce; Charles Bennett, Consul General of the United States, Guangzhou, China; former U.S. Secretary of Commerce and Ambassador to China Gary Locke; and David Hinson, former National Director of the Minority Business Development Agency.

The China Welcoming Luncheon will be held on Sunday, June 18 from 12:00-2:00 pm at Grace's Mandarin restaurant, at 188 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, Md. Please see attachment for a partial list of Chinese guests. Through the sponsorship of RBR Investments, the China Welcoming Luncheon is among the events occurring in conjunction with the SelectUSA Investment Summit on June 18-20 at the Gaylord Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Md. More than 2,500 foreign investors and global executives are expected at SelectUSA, with visitors from China making up the largest delegation.

SelectUSA is a program within the International Trade Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce. The Summit is the leading annual event connecting global companies and American economic development organizations to facilitate business investment in the United States. Past Summit participants have announced more than \$20.6 billion in new investment projects in the United States, creating tens of thousands of jobs.

RBR Investments is a mergers and acquisitions consultancy that specializes in guiding foreign investments to the U.S. Through its representatives in Washington, D.C., San Francisco and Los Angeles, RBR Investments helps investors navigate complex financial and regulatory environments in U.S. markets. "The luncheon allows us to discuss some of our competencies such as our knowledge of the US-China business relationship, the investment process, and our network - which includes government officials, business leaders and investors," said Rick Wade, founding partner at RBR Investments and a former U.S. Commerce Department official. Robert Smith, a Silicon Valley entrepreneur and RBR partner observes that, "foreign direct investment is a significant asset, especially as related to innovation, entrepreneurship, mergers and acquisitions."

The China Welcoming Luncheon will feature a keynote address by former Ambassador Locke, who is the only Chinese American to have served as a governor, Commerce Secretary and America's top diplomat to China. "Two-way investments and trade between the U.S. and China creates economic opportunities and jobs in both countries," Locke has said. "Many Chinese CEOs understand that the use of experts and consultants on the front end can save them a great deal of money later and increase their profitability and success." Chinese companies invested a record \$46 billion in the U.S. in 2016 across many different sectors, tripling the amount seen in 2015, according to the Rhodium Group and National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. Bin Li, an RBR Investments partner and a Chinese-American attorney, said the China Welcoming Luncheon "is a place to build informal relationships, which is extremely important when doing business in China. The reality is businesses don't do deals, people do."