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Pandas Are Coming to NYC - Art Exhibition

May 19, 2016. The **Chinese Cultural Foundation** in conjunction with the **China Investment Group** held an “Pandas Are Coming to NYC - Art Exhibition” and honored the talented 18 years old young Chinese artist, **Xuanjin Wang**, with its Young Artists Award. The occasion celebrated an exciting new initiative - a project to bring two Giant Panda cubs from China to New York City.

Mr. John A. Catsimatidis, a major New York City Entrepreneur and Philanthropist, gave an inspiring description of the Panda Project. He said it provides another strong link between China and New York City – and will be a big attraction for New Yorkers and tourists alike and of great benefit to the local economy.

Mr. Catsimatidis complimented the Panda Project leadership, spearheaded by **Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney** and Chinese celebrity, **Yue-Sai Kan** together with international business leaders including **Maurice R. Greenberg**, Chairman of the STARR Companies, **Mortimer Zuckerman**, owner and publisher of the New York Daily News and U.S. News and World Report and many others. He also thanked the **Chinese Cultural Foundation**, for providing a perfect occasion to introduce the Panda Project to a global audience.

This occasion was attended by dozens of special guests including **Ambassador Paul Speltz**, Cultural Counselor **Liyan Li**, **Chien Chung Pei**, Chairman of the Pei Partnership Architect, **John Wang**, President of the Asian American Business Development Center and **Harry Edelson**, Chairman of the China Investment Group.

The presentation was recorded by China's leading media networks including ***China Economic Daily, People's Daily, China Daily, China Press, Phoenix TV, Sinovision, Society and Diplomatic Review*** and others. Their articles and TV news stories are broadcast to billions of viewers both in China and throughout the world.

Elizabeth B. Wang, President and **John W. Allen**, Trustee of the Chinese Cultural Foundation, in viewing the painting of Panda cubs playing in front of a rendition of the Statue of Liberty, expressed the universal feeling that "Everyone loves Pandas". They thanked **Xuanjin Wang** and **John Catsimatidis** for adding Pandas as a reason why New York City is known as the "Cultural Capital of the World".

They also thanked **Yin Li** of Savills Studley for providing a beautiful setting for the Panda Art Exhibit at 399 Park Avenue.

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The Chinese Cultural Foundation (CCF) is a New York based non-profit organization that serves as a catalyst for bring world leaders together in a positive environment by providing the highest level of Chinese culture and art in its activities and at its functions held throughout the year.

The China Investment Group (CIG) is a membership organization that meets monthly to review investment opportunities and gain insights on China and Asia through discussions with leading experts on financial, political, cultural and educational issues.