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Welcome Ceremony
Wednesday, July 12

U.S. Attendees: Entire Delegation

Chinese Attendees: Minister of National Defense Chi Haotian, and senior PLA leadership

Background:

Your first official activity with the PLA will be a formal welcome ceremony at the new PLA Headquarters Building, known as the Bayi Building or August 1st Building commemorating the birthday of the PLA in 1927 and alternatively as the Central Military Commission building. Construction was completed and the building opened early this year. It is located on the east side of the PLA Military Museum where your welcome ceremony was held in January 1998.

Upon arrival, you will be escorted to the reviewing position with General Chi. The honor guard consisting of ground, naval and air forces will be introduced and national anthems will be played. You will then be escorted to review the guard. At the end of the ceremony, General Chi will introduce you to the senior PLA leadership in attendance.

Following the welcome ceremony, you will move into the building for the private meeting with General Chi, to be followed by the plenary session and the Environmental MOU signing ceremony.

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