

**ARATS CHAIRMAN:
WANG DAOHAN**

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Wang Daohan was born in March 1915 in Jiashan, Anhui Province. He is currently Chairman of the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait (ARATS), a post he has served in since 1991.

Wang studied at Jiaotong University, joining the Chinese Communist Party in 1938. After 1949 he held multiple posts, which are (consecutively): communist party secretary and magistrate of Jiashan County, deputy director of the Huainan Administrative Office; commissioner of Ludong Prefectural Commissioner's Office under the Huainan Administrative Office; deputy director of the Finance Department and deputy director of the Construction Department of Jiangsu-Anhui Border Area Government; director of the Military Industry Department of Central China Military Area Command and Shandong Provincial Military Region; and director of Anhui Province's Office of the Finance and Trade.

Wang later served as director of the Industry Department, East China Military & Administrative Committee; vice minister of the First Ministry of Machine Building Industry; first vice minister of the Commission for Foreign Economic Relations; vice minister of the Foreign Economic Relations Ministry; deputy director of the State Commission for Import and Export Control and deputy director of the Commission for Control of Foreign Investment; Shanghai Communist Party secretary, vice mayor and later mayor of Shanghai; adviser to the Shanghai Municipal Government; and member of the Communist Party Central Advisory Commission. He was named Vice Chairman of the Soong Ching Ling Foundation in 1990 and was a delegate to the National People's Congress.

Wang has visited the US. He does not speak English.