

Tribute to Robert and MeiLi Hefner



Robert and MeiLi Hefner have devoted their lives to building strong bonds of friendship, understanding, and trust between the peoples of the United States and China. Through decades of leadership in business, art, and diplomacy the Hefners have developed an extraordinary range of connections throughout all walks of life in China.

The Hefner Initiative was designed to bring prominent Chinese luminaries to Aspen, Colorado to engage with the Aspen Strategy Group members during the first days of their 2006 session devoted to China. Through Hefners' vision and generosity, the ASG is welcoming distinguished Chinese friends to Aspen for the very first time in the organization's history so that the two sides might better understand one another and build the kinds of friendships and relationships that both MeiLi and Robert have nurtured for decades. The ASG is particularly grateful for their crucial support in our work this summer.

On behalf of the entire Aspen Strategy Group, thank you.