

General Events

Chamber Members Meet Public Diplomacy Envoy Kwan

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AmCham-China members and their families paired up with U.S. Embassy representatives for a meet-and-greet with U.S. Public Diplomacy Envoy **Michelle Kwan**, at the house of Deputy Chief of Mission **David Sedney**. Kwan, a five-time world figure skating champion, chatted with guests and signed a copy of the chamber's recent book, *Partnering for Progress*, which outlines the corporate social responsibility initiatives of 76 member companies.

—JIM BOYCE



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Kwan with Lee Weingrad of Surmang Foundation



(From left) AmCham-China President Michael Barbalas, U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission David Sedney and U.S. Public Diplomacy Envoy Michelle Kwan



Golf Committee Chair Tibor Baranski, Barbalas and families



(From left) Short track skater and Olympic gold medal winner Yang Yang, Barbalas and Kwan



World is Flat Author Friedman meets with members



Two dozen AmCham governors and members attended a luncheon with NY Times Columnist and The

World is Flat author **Thomas Friedman**. A self-described “radical free trader,” Friedman spoke about the role of globalization vis-a-vis the complex U.S.-China economic relationship, and the need for America to resist giving in to protectionist reflexes. He also fielded questions and discussed topics such as China’s environmental degradation, opportunities for green technology companies, expected policy changes after the mid-term congressional elections, and the current U.S.-Chinese Strategic Economic Dialogue. AmCham-China Vice-Chairman **Jim Zimmerman** moderated the event.

—GABRIEL LOPEZ

