

# Press Releases: Remarks With Chinese Director of the Central Foreign Affairs Commission Office Yang Jiechi Before Their Meeting

Remarks

Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Diaoyutai, Beijing

October 8, 2018

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**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Director Yang, it's good to see you. Thank you for hosting me today. I appreciate it. I look forward to a good conversation. As you said, there are many issues, places where we have disagreements, and it is worthy and important that we listen to each other and work through them to find constructive solutions so that we can get a good outcome for the two of our countries.

I'm pleased to share with you the work that I did this past couple of days on the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, but I look forward to talking about the broad range of issues that impact our two countries and the people of our two nations, and I look forward to a good, candid, constructive conversation with you today.

Thank you very much, Director Yang.

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# Press Releases: Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Alice Wells Travels to Maldives and Sri Lanka

Media Note  
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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs Alice Wells will travel to Malé, Maldives and Colombo, Sri Lanka from October 9-11. Ambassador Wells will reiterate the strong U.S. commitment to our partnerships with Sri Lanka and Maldives and our shared interests in a prosperous and open Indo-Pacific region.

In Malé, Ambassador Wells will meet with current Maldivian government officials, the President-Elect, and civil society leaders. She will offer congratulations on the country's successful national elections and convey U.S. interest in expanding bilateral cooperation. In Colombo, she will meet with Sri Lankan officials and will emphasize the importance of the U.S.-Sri Lanka relationship to shared Indo-Pacific goals, with the growing bilateral defense relationship as an area of particular promise. She will also urge continued progress on constitutional reform, human rights, reconciliation, and transitional justice and accountability.

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# Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo To Deliver Remarks at the 36th Annual Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA) Awards Dinner

Notice to the Press  
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Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo will deliver remarks and receive the 2018 Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson Distinguished Service Award at the 36th Annual Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA) Awards Dinner at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC.

The event is open to credentialed members of the press. Media who wish to attend and cover the Secretary's remarks in person must preregister by contacting Ryan Hughes at [ryan@bonjeancompany.com](mailto:ryan@bonjeancompany.com) by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8.

*Preset time for video cameras and still photographers: 5:30 p.m.*

*Final access time for journalists: 6:15 p.m.*

The Secretary's remarks will be streamed live on [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov).

For more information, please contact Ryan Hughes at [ryan@bonjeancompany.com](mailto:ryan@bonjeancompany.com), or the Department of State's Office of Press Relations on 202-647-2492 or via e-mail at [PAPressDuty@state.gov](mailto:PAPressDuty@state.gov).

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## [Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meetings in Seoul, Republic of Korea](#)

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo visited Seoul October 7-8 and met with President Moon and Foreign Minister Kang to give a readout of his October 7 trip to Pyongyang. Secretary Pompeo briefed on his meeting with Chairman Kim, which included his introducing Chairman Kim to Special Representative for North Korea Biegun as his chief negotiator, plans for a second U.S.-DPRK summit, and discussions on achieving the commitments of the June Singapore Summit including the final, fully verified denuclearization of the DPRK as committed to by Chairman Kim and President Trump.

Secretary Pompeo and Foreign Minister Kang also re-affirmed their commitment to the U.S.-ROK Alliance and continued close coordination with Japan on a unified response to the DPRK.

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# Meetings in Pyongyang, Democratic People's Republic of Korea

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo held productive discussions with Chairman Kim Jong-un in Pyongyang Sunday. They discussed the four elements contained in the U.S.-DPRK Singapore Summit Joint Statement signed by President Trump and Chairman Kim. They also discussed the upcoming second summit between President Trump and Chairman Kim and refined options for the location and date of that next summit.

Secretary Pompeo was joined by Special Representative Stephen E. Biegun and Chairman Kim was joined by Kim Yo-jong, First Vice Director of the Korean Workers' Party Central Committee.

Secretary Pompeo and Chairman Kim also agreed to instruct their respective working-level teams to meet soon to intensify discussions on the key remaining issues to deliver on the Singapore Summit Joint Statement.

In addition, Chairman Kim invited inspectors to visit the Punggye Ri nuclear test site to confirm that it has been irreversibly dismantled.

President Trump looks forward to continuing to build upon the trust established with Chairman Kim in Singapore and anticipates meeting again soon.

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