

“Summer Social and Tribute to Gail Kee and Javade Chaudhri”

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The 21st Century China Program at the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) held its summer social in the home of local San Diego supporters Sheldon Lou and Kuangyi Huang. More than fifty community supporters attended the gathering.

This event also served as a farewell party for program founders Gail Kee and Javade Chaudhri. IR/PS Dean Peter Cowhey paid tribute to their long-time service to the School. Kee has co-chaired the 21st Century China Program Advisory Council since 2010 and Chaudhri has served on IR/PS’s International Advisory Board since 2004.



“We are immensely grateful for their commitment and dedication and want to wish them a smooth transition,” Cowhey said.



Dr. Lei Guang presided over the event. Professors Susan Shirk and Barry Naughton used the occasion to update guests about their most recent trip to China, including the July conference on “China’s Emergence in International Finance” that was co-sponsored with SWIFT and the SWIFT Institute, and Fudan University’s Financial Research Center. They also shared their observations about the agenda of China’s on-going reform.

The event concluded with remarks from Jim Kralik and Yunli Lou, both founders of the Program, on the importance of a strong relationship between the U.S. and China. About 50 people from the community attended the event.