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China and the U.S.: Then and Now
中國與美國的過去與現在

Date: 8th June, 2013 (Saturday)

Time: 15:00-16:00

Venue: Auditorium II, UM Library

Language: English

Speaker: Ambassador Nicholas Platt

Nicholas Platt, long-time China specialist, three-time U.S. Ambassador (Pakistan, Zambia and the Philippines), and author of the published memoir *China Boys*, will share his experiences and insights gained from a long and distinguished career in the diplomatic service and as President of the Asia Society in New York for 12 years.

As a young diplomatic officer in the early 1960s, when Communist China was firmly closed to the west, Nicholas Platt took the unusual step of studying Mandarin. This put him in a key position when U.S. relations to China suddenly opened. Platt was one of the State Department officials chosen to accompany President Nixon on his historic visit to China in 1972. The following year he and his family were stationed in Beijing with the opening of a U.S. Liaison Office, the forerunner of the U.S. Embassy in the PRC.

Showing some of his 'home movie' footage of the Nixon trip, and film of family and diplomatic events, and reading from his memoir, Ambassador Platt will talk about life in China. As a former president of the Asia society, which oversees numerous contacts and exchanges with China, and a frequent visitor and lecturer in the PRC, Nicholas Platt is in a unique position to compare those early days of diplomatic contact to relations with the West today, as China now emerges as a major player on the world stage and an economic power house.



Free admission ; Seats are available on a first come first serve basis. Reservations can be made via email:vivianvong@umac.mo or tel. 8397 8301(during office hours) until June 7.

免費入場。由即日起至六月七日，請於辦公時間內電郵vivianvong@umac.mo或致電83978301報名留座，座位有限，先到先得。

All are welcome!