

## U.S. and China Defense Policy Coordination Talks

U.S. and Chinese defense officials met in Beijing on Feb. 1 for the Defense Policy Coordination Talks.

BGen Roberta Shea, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia, led a delegation for talks with Maj. Gen. Huang Xueping, Deputy Director of the Chinese Office for International Military Cooperation.

The U.S. delegation included representatives from the Joint Staff, U.S. Pacific Command, and the State Department, while the Chinese delegation included representatives of the People's Liberation Army and other military offices.

The meeting is an important component of the broader program of engagements between the two nations' militaries and seeks to foster substantive dialogue in areas of mutual interest, maintain effective communication channels, and enhance risk reduction.

This year's talks emphasized the positive momentum in the U.S.-China military-to-military relationship and set a direction for continued success into 2018. Key regional and global issues were also discussed.

This year's talks also included the annual meeting of the U.S.-China Notification of Major Military Activities Confidence Building Measures Working Group. Both sides discussed current issues in the military-to-military relationship, reaffirmed a commitment to sustaining U.S.-China confidence building measures and exchanged views on the implementation of the existing agreements.