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John L. Holden is CEO of the US-China Strong Foundation. In this role, he works to expand US-China Strong's presence, programs and mission to create more productive relations between future American leaders and their Chinese peers. Prior to joining US-China Strong, Mr. Holden was Associate Dean at Peking University, where he played a key role in the launch and management of the university's Yenching Academy – a center for select college graduates pursuing Master's degrees in China Studies – and served as Professor of Management Practice at the university's Guanghua School of Management.

A veteran China expert, Mr. Holden was President of the National Committee on US-China Relations from 1998 to 2005, helping to grow the organization's scope and programmatic initiatives, including the US-China Young Leaders Forum and the Foreign Policy Colloquium. He also led Track II dialogues and managed exchange programs on topics ranging from security and the environment to public health and education. In 2017, he received an award from China's State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs (SAFEA) for his "Outstanding Service and Contribution to Education in China."

Previously, Mr. Holden has served as Chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce in China's Board of Governors and held senior management positions with Cargill, Inc., an agribusiness company; Hill & Knowlton, a strategic communications firm; and BankAmerica World Trade Corporation.

Fluent in Mandarin, Mr. Holden has lived in Beijing, Hong Kong and Taipei for more than 30 years, is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and is Nonresident Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He earned his M.A. in Chinese Language and Literature from Stanford University and his B.A. in the same field from the University of Minnesota.