

The U.S.-China Public Private Partnership on Healthcare

The U.S.-China public private partnership on healthcare (PPPH) will be organized around U.S. healthcare industry strengths and government capabilities in order to foster long-term cooperation in the areas of research, training, regulation and the adoption of an environment that will increase accessibility to healthcare services in China.

Structurally, the U.S. Government, through USTDA, HHS, and Commerce, will provide programmatic support to the PPPH, which will consult with the Chinese Ministry of Health to ensure proposed projects are in keeping with China's health sector development priorities. In addition to the Ministry of Health, projects may also involve other Chinese government agencies that work on healthcare-related topics. The private sector will provide capacity building support and align its capabilities with China's healthcare development priorities.

The PPPH will operate as a distinct organization with offices in Beijing, having a full-time staff devoted to delivering training programs, studies, and, possibly, pilot projects. Participating U.S. companies initially include 3M, Abbott, Chindex, Cisco, General Electric, IBM, Intel, Johnson & Johnson, Medtronic, Microsoft, Motorola, and Pfizer. Supporting organizations include AdvaMed, the Alliance for Healthcare Competitiveness, the American Chamber of Commerce of China, the American Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai, PhRMA and the U.S.-China Business Council.

Through the PPPH, Chinese government participants will gain greater access to U.S. private sector expertise and ingenuity and better awareness of new technologies and results-oriented regulatory processes. Initially, these goals will be supported through a USTDA-funded *Health Professionals Exchange Program* that will share best practices on important health and safety issues between the United States and China.