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## Joint Chinese-U.S. Activities on Biological Safety and Security

Performer: National Academy of Sciences (NAS)

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### Objective:

This project will build on previous collaborative activities between NAS's Committee on International Security and Arms Control and the Chinese Academy of Sciences on international global health security, biological safety, and biological security to build awareness of biosafety and biosecurity issues within the Chinese bioscience community. This project also aims to cultivate a set of Chinese leaders and champions in the biosecurity area and to equip Chinese scientists and institutions to better implement biosafety and biosecurity. Ultimately, it hopes improve the relationship between the U.S. and China on a range of biological security and biological safety issues.

### Approach:

NAS will collaborate with the Chinese Academy of Sciences and other Chinese institutions to organize two joint workshops, the first in China and the second in the United States, between Chinese and American experts on the challenges of emerging infections, laboratory safety, and global health security. The project's activities will increase both conceptual and technical understanding of Chinese thinking in these areas and through greater Chinese engagement outside of China, increase and improve the body of knowledge available to the international scientific community.