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In response to multipolarity, the Obama administration has adjusted its foreign policies but still faces both internal and external constraints. In terms of the Asia-Pacific Region, Sino-US relations are of vital importance to the shaping of the future order, which calls for strategic cooperation in response to various threats despite growing competition between each other.

### Symposium

- Construction of China's Think-tanks on International Affairs: Achievements, Limitations, Referential Experiences and Concrete Measures**

On April 6, 2016, the Editorial Department of CIR held a symposium on "Construction of China's Think-tanks on International Affairs". Participants discussed the achievements and limitations of current construction of think-tanks on international affairs and put forward some suggestions for future development of China's think-tanks. We have selected several choice extracts from key speeches given at this spirited and wide-ranging discussion.

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