Power visit

Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives in the US today on a week-long visit. Here's a look at his itinerary and the agenda for his trip.

HOT ISSUES ON THE AGENDA



Cyber security

- The Obama administration says the combination of intellectual property theft and espionage by China has reached unprecedented proportions.
- The United States is contemplating sanctions against Chinese hackers, and to fend these off, a senior Chinese security official visited Washington recently for talks.



The South China Sea

- The United States has told China to stop building artificial islands and to halt construction of military facilities on those islands.
- But China is expected to give little ground on its stand that it has "indisputable" sovereignty over large portions of the waterway.
- The talks are likely to broach the idea of military-to-military exchanges between the US and China to prevent conflict.



Trade and investment

- The two sides will discuss trade and investment in technology sectors by American companies.
- CCTV, China's state broadcaster, reported that Mr. Xi's visit would improve business ties between the two countries and narrow differences over protectionist policies and online security.



XI'S ITINERARY

Sept 22

- Arrives in Seattle.
- Attends a banquet in the evening at the Westin Seattle hotel, where he is expected to give his only policy speech of the trip.

Sept 24

 Travels to Washington DC, where he will have a working dinner at the White House with President Barack Obama, Secretary of State John Kerry and national security adviser Susan E. Rice.

Sept 26

Travels to New York

Sept 28

- Attends the 70th United Nations General Assembly, where he will make his debut speech.
- Leaves the US.

Sept 23

- Attends a dialogue with US business chiefs hosted by the Paulson Institute.
- Pays a visit to the two-day US-China Internet Industry Forum in Seattle.
- Visits Lincoln High School in Tacoma with his wife, Ms Peng Liyuan.
- Visits Boeing's Everett assembly line in a suburb north of Seattle.
- Has dinner with Microsoft founder Bill Gates.

Sept 25

- Holds a joint press conference with President Obama at the White House Rose Garden.
- Mr Kerry and Vice-President Joseph Biden host a lunch for Mr Xi at the State Department.
- Visits Capitol Hill to meet congressional leaders
- Attends a State Dinner at the White House hosted by Mr Obama and his wife Michelle at the North Portico.

Sept 27

 Makes opening remarks and serves as chairman of the first session of the Global Leaders' Meeting on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: A Commitment to Action, jointly hosted by China and the UN.