



# THE ANNENBERG RETREAT AT SUNNYLANDS

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## **Sunnylands President Geoffrey Cowan Releases Statement on U.S.-ASEAN Summit in February**

RANCHO MIRAGE, CALIFORNIA — Today the White House announced that President Obama will be returning to Sunnylands in February for a summit meeting with leaders from ASEAN nations.

Below is a statement from Geoffrey Cowan, president of The Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands.

"We are profoundly honored that President Obama has invited ASEAN leaders to Sunnylands for a summit meeting in 2016. Walter and Leonore Annenberg were remarkable philanthropists and diplomats who hoped that their estate would become the 'Camp David of the West' where the President could bring together world leaders to promote global peace and facilitate international agreements. This important gathering helps to fulfill that mission, which is carried on by their children and grandchildren who serve as our trustees."

### **About The Annenberg Retreat at Sunnylands**

*The Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands, which operates The Annenberg Retreat at Sunnylands in Rancho Mirage, California, is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit operating entity. The Annenberg Retreat at Sunnylands hosts high-level retreats that address serious issues facing the nation and the world, including the 2013 meeting between President Obama and President Xi of the People's Republic of China. In addition, Sunnylands offers programs through the Sunnylands Center & Gardens to educate the public about the history of Sunnylands, its architecture, art collections, cultural significance, and sustainable practices. For more information, visit [www.sunnylands.org](http://www.sunnylands.org).*

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