

2016 Connecticut Good Projects

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“The 2016 Connecticut Good Projects” was successfully launched in February 27th, 2016 at Yale University School of Medicine. Approximately 60 professional fellows, scientists, professors, and students from universities and pharmaceutical companies in Connecticut participated in the event (Fig. 1). The Mayor of Bridgeport, Mr. Joseph P. Ganim, was invited and addressed the governmental policies and support for “the Connecticut Good Projects” (Fig. 2).



Fig. 1. Participants from universities and pharmaceutical companies in Connecticut.



Fig. 2. Greeting remarks by the Mayor of Bridgeport, Mr. Joseph P. Ganim.

The opening ceremony and forum were co-organized by the Chinese Association for Science & Technology in Connecticut (CAST-CT), the Sino-American Pharmaceutical Professionals Association-Connecticut (SAPA-CT), and the Association of Chinese Students and Scholars at Yale (ACSSY). At the beginning of the ceremony, Dr. Guoying Yu, the president of CAST-CT, Dr. Steven Yu, the president-elect of SAPA-CT, and Mr. Zhemin Xuan, the president of ACSSY gave brief opening remarks, respectively, and introduced their organizations and the mission of “the Connecticut Good Projects” (Fig. 3).



Fig. 3. Opening remarks by CAST-CT president, Dr. Guoying Yu, SAPA-CT president-elect, Dr. Steven Yu, and ACSSY president, Mr. Zhemin Xuan.

During the open forum, five outstanding speakers from different fields shared their personal career developmental experience on commercialization of good projects, entrepreneurship, and leadership skills as well as winning career strategies. First, Dr. Xinjian Zhou from Beijing Institute of Collaborative Innovation (BICI), USA, introduced the history of BICI and provided valuable information in the funding, partnership and commercialization for early-stage technologies and startups (Fig. 4). Then Dr. Deqing Xu, the CEO of E-Quarter shared his personal entrepreneurial experience in China and gave insightful suggestions for students and professionals who plan to have start-ups in China (Fig. 5).



Fig. 4. Xinjian Zhou, President of BICI, USA, “共同探讨深技术成果转化”.



Fig. 5. 徐德清博士，微总部科技发展有限公司董事长，“经济新常态下在中国创新创业的体会和建议”.



Fig. 6. 张旨为，康涅狄格大学物理学博士生，“当梦想遇上时代”.



Fig. 7. Dr. Xiuling Lu, Assistant Professor, UConn School of Pharmacy, “Nanotechnology platform development, translational effort, and beyond”.

After that, Zhiwei Zhang, who won the 1st place in the 10th “Chunhui Bei” innovation competition in New York region told us a vivid story of how he and his friends together came up with new ideas in the competition and how they transformed their ideas into an actual product, Det-phone app. The story may motivate more young students to challenge themselves and bring up new ideas to solve the current problems in our daily life (Fig. 6). Universities are one of the most important places for incubating new ideas, technologies and innovations. The nanotechnology platform was developed in Dr. Xiuling Lu’s laboratory in University

of Connecticut School of Pharmacy. She introduced nanoparticle-based multi-functional drug delivery systems studied in her laboratory and provided new technology potentially benefiting cancer therapy once it can be developed and commercialized in future (Fig. 7). Finally, Mr. Kaicheng Yu, the senior credit officer from Summit Mortgage Bankers Inc., Flushing, New York, provided practical strategies for different problems in the journey of startups (Fig. 8).



Fig. 8. 于开成, MBA, 康涅狄格州旅美科协副会长, 纽约新美贷款银行的高级信贷官, “康州好项目祝你成长”。

After the talks, all attendants further participated in a panel discussion section on specific project plans and business management experience in the project development. The ceremony was closed with final remarks from Dr. Guoying Yu and the event successfully bridged between the entrepreneurs and investors and facilitated the transformation and commercialization of new technologies and innovations in Connecticut. It will continue serving as a platform for future good projects incubation and development in Connecticut (Fig. 9).

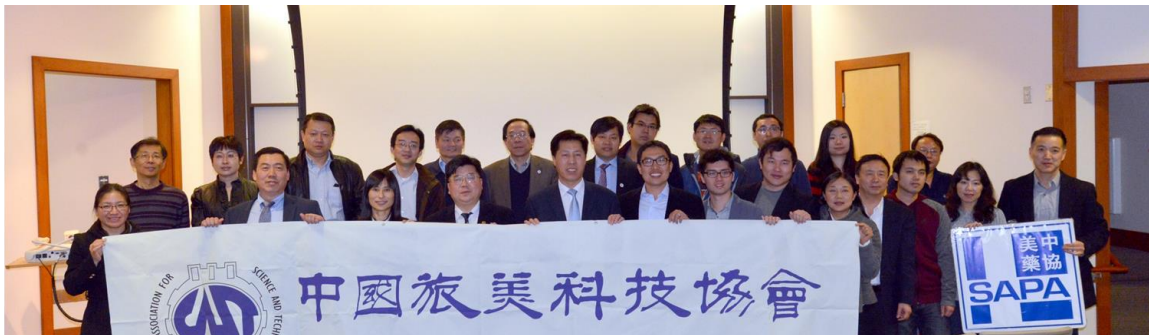


Fig. 9. “The Connecticut Good Projects”, a platform for future project incubation and development by members from CAST-CT, SAPA-CT, and ACSY.