NTU hosts 3rd International Roundtable Forum on Global Talent

NTU’s College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences hosted policy makers, professionals and academics from Singapore, China, USA and Canada in the field of global talent studies at the 3rd International Roundtable Forum on Global Talent on 3rd June 2013.

Jointly organised by China’s State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs (SAFEA), NTU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) and Nanyang Centre for Public Administration (NCPA), it was the first time the roundtable forum was held outside of China. The previous two forums were organized by SAFEA in association with China’s Conference on International Exchange of Professionals in China.

The roundtable forum was held with an aim to provide a platform for discussion on policy and academic issues on global talent mobility, policy formulation and implementation, as well as practices on talent issues.
Prominent speakers include Guest-of-Honour Mr Wong Kan Seng, Member of Parliament for Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC, Special Advisor for Economic Cooperation to Prime Minister of Singapore, and Former Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore; Mr Liu Yanguo, Deputy Administrator of SAFEA, China; Dr Howard Duncan, Executive Head, Metropolis, Canada; Dr Wang Huiyao, Vice-President of the Western Returned Scholars Association, China; and Mr Peter Felix, President, Association of Executive Search Consultants, United States, among others.
3rd International Roundtable Forum on Global Talent
3 June 2013, 9.30am - 5.15pm
Nanyang Executive Centre, Singapore
Auditorium, Level 2

Jointly Organized By
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
and
State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs, China

PROGRAMME

09:00 – 09:30 REGISTRATION

09:30 – 09:45 WELCOME ADDRESS
Professor Alan Chan, Dean, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences,
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

PLENARY SESSION I
Chaired by Professor Alan Chan, Dean, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences,
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

09:45 – 10:15 KEYNOTE SPEECH
Mr Wong Kan Seng, Special Advisor for Economic Cooperation to Prime Minister of Singapore,
and Former Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore

10:15 – 10:45 Mr Liu Yanguo, Deputy Administrator, State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs, China

10:45 – 11:05 GROUP PHOTO / COFFEE AND TEA RECEPTION

PLENARY SESSION II
Chaired by Associate Professor Wu Wei, Director, Nanyang Centre for Public Administration,
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

11:05 – 11:25 Dr Howard Duncan, Executive Head, Metropolis, Canada

11:25 – 11:45 Dr Wang Huiyao, Vice Chairman, Western Returned Scholars Association, China

11:45 – 12:05 Mr Peter Felix, President, Association of Executive Search Consultants, United States

12:05 – 12:35 QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

12:35 – 14:00 LUNCH
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE: Function Hall 2, Level 4

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION SESSION I
Chaired by Professor Liu Hong, Chair, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

14:00 – 14:20  Mr John Benson, Founder and CEO, Silu.com
14:20 – 14:40  Nanyang Associate Professor Nam-Joon Cho, School of Materials Science and Engineering; and School of Biological Science, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
14:40 – 15:00  Assistant Professor Yu Wenxuan, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

15:00 – 15:30  QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
15:30– 16:00  COFFEE AND TEA RECEPTION

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION SESSION II
Chaired by Associate Professor Wu Wei, Director, Nanyang Centre for Public Administration, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

16:00 – 16:20  Professor Liu Guofu, School of Law, Beijing Institute of Technology, China
16:20 – 16:40  Mr Kei Shek Ming, Senior Journalist, Asia Week
16:40 – 17:00  QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
17:00 – 17:15  CLOSING REMARKS
Professor Liu Hong, Chair, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

17:15 ~  PROCEED TO APPRECIATION DINNER VENUE (for presenters)
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Wong Kan Seng is a member of parliament for Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC and Prime Minister’s special advisor for economic co-operation. He is also the Chairman of Singbridge Holdings Pte. Ltd and Singbridge International Singapore Pte. Ltd. Mr. Wong is a well-known politician and diplomat in Singapore. Mr. Wong first contested and won in the 1984 Parliamentary election. Since then, he has been re-elected as Member of Parliament in six successive general elections. Mr. Wong has headed many key ministries and offices including Community Development, Communications and Information, Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs and National Security. He was also the leader of the House (Parliament). Mr. Wong retired from the Cabinet as Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security in May 2011.

SPEAKERS

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John Benson is an internet entrepreneur. As the founder and CEO of eFinancialCareers.com he led, for over 10 years, the team that built the web’s leading financial services career site. His new business, Silu.com, helps connect China-focused professionals and entrepreneurs in ‘The West’ with career and business opportunities in China. Mr Benson has lived and worked in Europe, The United States and Asia.

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Nam-Joon Cho is Nanyang Associate Professor at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore and Deputy Director of the Nanyang Institute of Technology in Health and Medicine. In addition, he is a Principal Investigator at the Singapore-MIT Alliance for Research and Technology and Visiting Associate Professor at Stanford University. His group’s research focuses on engineering approaches to solve important biomedical problems and to translate these capabilities into practical applications for global health. Dr. Cho’s scientific work has been highlighted by international media organizations such as Reuters, CNBC, and Businessweek, and is leading to major breakthroughs for the treatment of deadly pathogens. He has identified novel classes of drugs to treat hepatitis C virus which affects over 170 million people worldwide. Based on the success of this early work, Dr. Cho’s team is now pursuing similar strategies to examine the causes and consequences of infectious diseases, inflammatory disorders and cancer in order to provide improved diagnostic and therapeutic interventions. As part of these activities, Dr. Cho leads a multi-institution tissue engineering collaboration involving NTU, Singapore General Hospital and the Stanford University School of Medicine, which focuses on developing an artificial liver platform for regenerative medicine applications. He is a graduate of Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley.

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Howard Duncan received his Ph.D. in Philosophy in 1981 from the University of Western Ontario where he studied the history and philosophy of science. He was a post-doctoral fellow there and subsequently taught philosophy at the University of Ottawa and the University of Western Ontario.

In 1987, Dr. Duncan entered the field of consulting in strategic planning, policy development and program evaluation. In 1989 he joined the Department of Health and Welfare in Ottawa where he worked in program evaluation, strategic planning, policy, and extramural research.

In 1997, Howard joined the Metropolis Project at Citizenship and Immigration Canada as its International Project Director, and became its Executive Head in 2002. He has concentrated on increasing the geographic reach of Metropolis, enlarging the range of the issues it confronts, and increasing its benefits to the international migration policy community by creating opportunities for direct and frank exchanges between researchers, practitioners, and policy makers. Recent of his projects have included the creation of the Metropolis North America and Metropolis Asia initiatives and the creation of a Metropolis Secretariat in Asia (Seoul/Goyang-si and Manila) to supplement the Secretariats in Ottawa and Amsterdam. He has just moved the Ottawa Secretariat operations from the Government of Canada to Carleton University in Ottawa.
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Peter M. Felix has been President of the worldwide Association of Executive Search Consultants (AESC), based in New York, since 1998. Mr. Felix is a former executive search consultant, who has had extensive experience in association management, in management consulting and in industrial management.

During his career with the AESC Mr. Felix has expanded the organization so that it can effectively represent the executive search profession around the world. The AESC is today recognized by the American Government and European Commission as the official representative of Executive Search Consulting and deals with it on issues of policy matters and regulation.

Under his guidance the AESC has developed education and training programs, has promoted best practices and professionalism in executive search and has expanded its membership around the world. The AESC has developed leading edge technology programs to support these initiatives.

During his career in executive search, Mr. Felix specialized in senior international searches in a range of functions and industries. He practiced as a partner in search firms based in London, New York and Hong Kong.

From 1984 to 1994, Mr. Felix served the British-American Chamber of Commerce in New York and London as Director, President, and Chief Executive Officer. During his tenure, this transatlantic organization grew substantially and became a high-profile promoter of business between the United States and Britain. In 1992 he was awarded the CBE, an honor awarded by the Queen of the United Kingdom, in recognition of services to British commercial interests.

Mr. Felix spent much of his early career in Europe, serving as Vice President of Human Resources for the Bendix Corporation in Paris, as a management consultant in Algeria working for the Algerian Oil and Gas industry, and as Manager of Marketing Practices for IBM in the United Kingdom. He served with Voluntary Service Overseas in Bangladesh on graduating from University.

Born and educated in the United Kingdom, Mr. Felix received his BA in Social Studies and Law from Exeter University and MBA from INSEAD in Fontainebleau, France.

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Kei Shek Ming, who is the Senior Correspondent for ASIA WEEKLY magazine based in Hong Kong; is also the lecturer at Hong Kong Baptist University and the part-time Hong Kong’s Phoenix TV commentator.

Kei’s specialty is in-depth reporting of financial, political and social issues and writing commentary on current affairs. And he has two main concerns. The first is Tibet policy and culture-he has interviewed His Holiness Dalai Lama eight times and conducted exclusive interviews with the 17th Karmapa. The second is China-Taiwan issues, such as cross-strait economic and political integration.

In 2009, Kei was presented the Correspondent of the Year Award by the Society of Publishers in Asia. Also, from 2004 to now, Kei continuously gained eight awards, including “the Best Human Rights Reporting” by the Society of Publishers in Asia, and “Best Asian Association of Chinese Publishing Industry Reporting award”, “the exclusive SOPA reports Honor Award”, etc.

His books include With a ‘Wisdom Figure’, Ma Out of the Rough Road, The End of the U.S. Dollar, China’s New Deal, and so on.

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Liu Guofu is employed at the School of Law, Beijing Institute of Technology, China and a German Humboldt Fellow. He was awarded a Ph.D. by University of Technology, Sydney, Australia and completed post doctoral study in Frankfurt University, Germany. His recent research focuses on migration law and policy. He is the author of many monographs, papers and reports including The Right to Leave and Return and Chinese Migration Law (Nijhoff) and Chinese Immigration Law (Ashgate). He holds some positions in political participating Party and academic associations such as
Member of the 4th Expert Advisory Committee of Overseas Chinese Affairs of the State Council, China, as well Vice Chairman of the Commission of Legislative Affairs of Beijing Municipal Committee of China Democratic League. He actively involved the legislations and policy making of Chinese governments in the field of international migration.

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Liu Yanguo is Deputy Administrator of the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs, PRC, and previously served as Division Chief, Deputy Director General and Director General of Dept. of International Exchange and Cooperation, Ministry of Personnel, Counselor of Permanent Mission of the People’s Republic of China to the United Nations. He holds an MPA from Renmin University of China.

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Wang Huiyao (Henry) is the Director General of Center for China and Globalization and a Vice Chairman of China Overseas Returned Scholars Association, which has over 80,000 members throughout China. He is also a Vice Chairman of China Talent Society of Ministry of Human Resources and a Vice Chairman of China Association for International Economic Cooperation of Ministry of Commerce. He is a Senior Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School and also a member of Advisory Board of Richard Ivey School of Business in Asia. He was also a visiting fellow at Brookings Institution in the USA.

Dr. Wang has been a senior advisor to the Chinese government at both central and local levels. He has served as a Task Force Leader for Global Talents Strategy Study Group for Central Government of China. He has also served as an expert for the drafting of China Mid-Long Term National Talent Development Plan 2010-2020. Dr. Wang used to work as an official for Chinese Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation (now Ministry of Commerce) and responsible for Chinese firms going global.

Dr. Wang’s international experience includes serving as Chief Trade Representative for Canada Quebec Government Office in Hong Kong and China, Director-Asia of SNC-Lavalin and Vice President for AMEC-Agra in Canada.

Dr. Wang has taught as Adjunct Professor at Guanghua Management School of Peking University and Richard Ivey School of Business at University of Western Ontario. He has published over 30 books and 100 articles and papers on Chinese talents, returnees, entrepreneurship and China going global. His latest new books in English: *Globalizing China, The Strategy, Influence and Success of Chinese Returnee Entrepreneurs* and another book *Entrepreneurial and Business Elites of China: The Chinese Returnees who have Shaped Modern China*, have both been published by Emerald Group in United Kingdom.

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