

Innovating Forward: Entrepreneurial Activity in Mainland China and Taiwan

Speakers: Kuan-Tsae Huang & Drew Mason

Moderator: Professor Barrett Hazeltine

Entrepreneurs encounter numerous challenges and obstacles when crossing the politically charged and legally ambiguous boundary between China and Taiwan. Nevertheless, many opportunities exist for entrepreneurs working in and across the two regions. In this panel, we will explore the opportunities for collaboration between mainland China and Taiwan that exist in the Internet, biomedical, financial services, energy and electronics industries. This panel will also look at the importance of direct investment and trade as a means of improving cross-Strait relations, in addition to the role entrepreneurial activity can play in bridging the cross-Strait divide and recent developments that provide more prospects for a strengthening of cross-Strait relations.

Speakers:

Dr. Kuan-Tsae Huang is the CEO of NanoTuneTechnologies, Adjunct Professor at Fordham University and Research Affiliate of the MIT Information Quality Program, Center for Technology, Policy and Industrial Development (CTPID), and co-author of Quality Information and Knowledge. Throughout his career, he has been a recipient of the Illinois Fellowship, the IBM Corporate Excellence Award, the Gold Medal of Giga Information Award and the NLM Excellence Award. Formerly, Dr. Huang was the Chairman and CEO of Taskco Corporation and Vice President of IBM e-Commerce Implementation. He was integral in leading IBM's e-business transformation and implementation, which many global corporations today use as a model. Dr. Huang also led the integration of knowledge management and object asset reuse into IBM Global Services, as well as working as a manager at the IBM Watson Research Center. Additionally, he has worked as Senior Consultant at the National Library

of Medicine/National Institutes of Health and provided strategy consulting services to enterprises and the US, Singaporean, Taiwanese, Korean and Chinese governments.

Drew Mason is the co-founder and Managing Partner of Jade Capital Management LLC, a leading provider of venture and growth capital for top entrepreneurs in China's financial services sector. Mr. Mason is also one of the founding members of Sohu.com, one of the first Chinese companies to list on NADAQ, and China Risk Finance LLC, China's leading consumer finance solutions provider voted Private Equity International's Venture Capital deal of the year in 2007. Mr. Mason was formerly the head of investment banking for the technology sector in Asia Pacific for UBS Warburg, where he worked on Asia's M&A deal of the year in 1999, 2000 and 2001. Mr. Mason's operating experience includes serving as an intelligence officer during Operation Desert Storm for the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72). Mr. Mason is on the board of China Risk Finance LLC, Shanghai Harvest Network Ltd. and a member of the President of Brown University's China Council.

Moderator:

Barrett Hazeltine has been a member of the faculty at Brown University since 1959 where he teaches courses in management and in engineering, and also served as Associate Dean of the College. Professor Hazeltine has served as a Visiting Professor at the University of Malawi on three occasions and taught twice at the University of Zambia, helping both of these institutions develop degree programs in engineering. Committed to high standards of academic achievement, Professor Hazeltine is noted for the personal concern and interest that he has for all of his students. He received the Senior Class Award for 13 consecutive years, and in 1985 it was named in his honor. Author of hundreds of articles, reports, and reviews for scholarly publications, Dr. Hazeltine also has written a textbook on electronic circuits and another on appropriate technology.

STRAIT TALK

Mission

Strait Talk is a non-partisan dialogue program that seeks to transform international conflict by connecting young people from both sides of the Taiwan Strait and the United States and empowering them to strive for peace and understanding.

Our Model

We convene DIALOGUE among outstanding university students from both sides of the Taiwan Strait and the United States.

We work with our alumni as they take ACTION for peace and understanding in their communities.

We sustain a COMMUNITY of young people dedicated to pursuing peaceful resolution of the Taiwan Strait issue as they enter positions of influence in politics and society.

Who We Are

We are young people who believe that direct dialogue can break the impasse in relations across the Taiwan Strait. Working together across communities and oceans, we can build a platform of trust that will help us on the path to lasting peace.

Frustrated by the political deadlock between the governments on both sides of the Taiwan Strait and inspired by the willingness of young people to reach out to each other, a group of undergraduate students at Brown University advocated an alternative approach to resolving the Taiwan Strait issue. They launched the first Strait Talk Symposium in November 2005. Since then, Strait Talk has formed a strong network of delegates, involved numerous experts in the project, and even expanded its work to include U.C. Berkeley and the University of Hong Kong. Staying true to its roots, each Symposium is still student-run and student-focused.

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