



Peking University Alumni Association - Midwest

北京大学美国中西部校友会

Peking University Alumni Association – Midwest cordially invites you

to join us to a distinguished speaker event

co-sponsored by

Chinese Finance Association of America (CFAA) & Society of Chinese American Professors & Scientists (SoCAPS)

“The Current State, Development and Challenges of China’s Higher Education”

中国高等教育的现状、发展和挑战

Featuring



前任北京大学校长许智宏教授

Former President of Peking University

Professor Xu Zhihong

During the current era of rapid economic growth and social change in China, higher education has become an increasingly important topic to both the society and individuals. It is imperative that there is personal success as well as supply of quality talents to ensure the sustainability and continuity of the country’s growth and development. As an expert in this area including serving as the leader of one of the top universities in China, former Peking University President Professor Xu Zhihong will discuss his views on the development and opportunities in China’s higher education. The goal of this session is to provide valuable insights on maximizing higher education and individual talents for the overseas Chinese to fully participate in the growth of Chinese economy. This event will also provide a networking opportunity for the PKU alumni.

在中国经济快速发展和社会变化频繁的今天，高等教育已成为与个人成功和社会进步更加息息相关的话题。北京大学前任校长许智宏教授将与您分享他对中国高等教育现状和发展的认知。对于身居海外的中国学子及专业人士而言，这将是一个了解中国高教以及如何最大化的利用海外教育及工作背景直接或间接得参与到中国经济发展的良机。



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Sunday, May 30, 2010

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Union League Club of Chicago
French Room, 7th Floor
65 West Jackson Blvd
Chicago, Illinois

Agenda: 3:00 – 3:30pm Registration
3:30 – 4:00pm Networking
4:00 – 4:05pm Introduction by PKUAA Midwest
4:05 – 4:10pm Beida Today (video)
4:10 – 4:15pm Greeting from Consulate General of The
People’s Republic of China in Chicago
4:15 – 4:45pm Speech by President Xu Zhihong
4:45 – 5:00pm Q&A and Conclusion

Fee: Attendees with online payment - \$10; Full-time Student - \$5; Walk-ins - \$15

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- Note:**
- Business casual attire is required, shirts with collar, no jeans and sneakers allowed.
 - The event will be conducted in Chinese for the convenience of the speaker.
 - No refunds will be issued unless the event is canceled.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The event will be followed by an invitation-only PKU alumni dinner at 6pm with President Xu Zhihong. If you are interested in joining the dinner, please RSVP to Lin Jian at lin_jian65@hotmail.com or Jiang Xiaoli at (630)479-6545. You will be notified about the logistics of the dinner once your attendance is confirmed. Dinner costs are shared among the attendees.

Speaker’s Biography:

Professor Xu Zhihong is the 30th President of Peking University from 1999 to 2008. He is now a member of the Standing Committee of China’s National People’s Congress, a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Honorary Chairman of Peking University Alumni Association and Chairman of Peking University Education Foundation (USA).



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Professor Xu Zhihong was born in Wuxi, Jiangsu province, in 1942. He studied botany at the Biology Department, Peking University, in 1959 and graduated in 1965. He joined the Shanghai Institute of Plant Physiology (SIPP), Chinese Academy of Sciences, as a graduate student in 1965 and started his academic career there when he graduated in 1969. Between 1979 and 1981 he visited John Innes Institute and Nottingham University in the UK as visiting scholar. He became the deputy director of SIPP in 1983 and director in 1991. From 1988 to 1996, he also chaired the National Laboratory of Plant Molecular Genetics, SIPP. In 1992, he was named the Vice-President of CAS. In 1999, he took the office of the 30th President of Peking University and finished his tenure in 2008. Professor Xu is an academican of the Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) and of the CAS.

At present, Professor Xu is professor at the College of Life Sciences at Peking University and at SIPP, President of International Association of Plant Tissue Culture and Biotechnology, Chairman of the Chinese National Committee of Man and of Biosphere, UNESCO, and Chairman of the Chinese Society of Plant Physiology.

Professor Xu's research interests include plant development, plant cell culture and genetic manipulation, and plant biotechnology. He has published over 200 papers, reviews, and reports in these fields.

Professor Xu Zhihong was named the "National Outstanding Young and Middle-Aged Specialist" in 1988. He was awarded the "First Prize of the Natural Science of CAS Award" in 1990 and the "Third Prize of National Natural Science Award" in the following year. Professor Xu was conferred the Honorary Professor by Hong Kong University in 1994. He was also awarded the position of Honorary Doctor of Science by De Montfort University (1994), Nottingham University (2000) and University of East Anglia(2008) in the U.K., Hong Kong City University (2001), Wasada University in Japan (2002), McGill University in Canada (2003) and La Trobe University in Australia (2007)., the Honorary Doctor of Law by Melbourne University in Australia (2003) and Honorary Doctor by University of Montreal (2004) in Canada, University of Edinburgh(2008) in the U.K. and University College Dublin in Ireland (2008).

About PKUAA-Midwest:

1994年4月16日,北京大学美国中西部地区校友会在芝加哥成立,暨校友嘉宾400余人参加了成立大会.该北大校友会以芝加哥中心,并联系散居伊利诺伊,印地安那,威斯康辛,明尼苏达和爱荷华等州校友,是北美地区较具规模的校友会之一.成立16年来,校友会满一直充活力,被公认为芝加哥地区最具影响力的华侨社团之一.目前有300多校友参加校友会.历年参加活动的校友,以著名历史学家,1936年毕业于历史系的吴相湘教授最为年长.近70年的北大毕业生都在校友会重温母校精神的温暖,并通过校友会对母校寄托了思念.

校友会自成立之初就和母校保持着紧密的联系,曾经接待了石荪老校长,陈佳洱校长,许智宏校长;闵维方副校长(现书记),郝斌副校长,迟惠生副校长和各院系负责人.1998年,校友会组织了20余人的代表团回国参加百年校庆,受到了母校的热情招待.近年来,校友会参加了第一届北美地区校友会联系会议,另外,积极协助北美北大基金会的成立和发展.



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校友会除定期举行年会, 讲座, 野餐会, 舞会等活动服务于校友外, 还主办或参与本地侨界的活动, 作出了应有的贡献, 校友会历届负责人都是侨界活跃的公众人物. 他们曾多次接受国务院侨办, 北京市侨办邀请回国访问并被国家领导人接见. 校友会的另一功能是互相关怀帮助, 16年来, 每当校友有困难时, 校友会都会自发捐助或组织募捐, 每当国内发生重大自然灾害时, 校友会也会积极组织并参与募捐活动。

北大校友会期盼着北大各年代及新世纪的校友更多地参与和负责校友会的运作, 以期薪火相传, 青春永葆!

About Event Co-Sponsor CFAA:



Chinese Finance Association of America
美国华人金融协会

Chinese Finance Association of America (CFAA) is an independent not-for-profit, non-partisan organization committed to promoting educational and cultural exchange among finance professionals between the United States and Greater China through facilitating communication and the exchange of ideas in the financial industry. Incorporated and headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, CFAA is aimed to serve Chinese finance professionals and others who are interested in the financial industry of Greater China.

美国华人金融协会(Chinese Finance Association of America, 简称 CFAA) 是一个非营利、非党派的独立法人会员组织。它力主服务于在美国的华人金融从业人员以及其他对大中华地区金融业富有兴趣的专业人士, 并致力于促进美国和大中华地区金融界的业间交流和往来。本协会的总部位于美国芝加哥市, 法定注册于美国伊利诺伊州, 并遵循美国联邦政府内务部非营利组织 501(C)(6) 免征收入税的所有规章和条文。美国华人金融协会将主要通过以下活动来实现我们的宗旨: 创办行业交流的平台, 组织举办各类讲座、活动和项目, 发布相关的行业和就业信息, 增强职业道德和行业标准的推行, 以及提供其他有利于会员的服务项目。

About Event Co-Sponsor SoCAPS:

SoCAPS (Society of Chinese American Professors & Scientists) is a nationwide not-for-profit organization that consists of a group of Chinese American Professors, Scientists and other Scholars with distinguished achievements. Established officially on May 25, 2003 at University of Chicago, IL, SoCAPS currently has about 350 members throughout 30 States in the United States. Its mission includes: 1. To advocate the interests of Chinese American academics. 2. To facilitate its members' contributions to American society through promotion of their academic achievements. 3. To advance science and education through academic collaborations and information exchange.

美国华人教授科学家学社(简称: 美华学社)于 2003 年 5 月在芝加哥创立, 是一个全美国范围内以华人教授及科学家为主体的非营利和非政治性的专业学人团体。美华学社由学术水平较高的华人教授, 科学家组成。350 余会员中 95% 有博士学位, 85% 左右是美国大学教授。他们分布于美国三十多个州的各所大学, 研究机构或工业界。其中有十多位担任付校长, 系主任, 研究室主任等行政管理和学术领导。受聘为学社荣誉会员的有华云生, 任筑山, 韩启德, 严东升等国际著名科学家。学社宗旨: 1. 维护华人学者的利益 2. 促进会员对美国社会的贡献 3. 加强国际尤其是美中两国之间的学术交流合作, 推动科技与教育的发展。