

World-Class Universities for Global Intercultural Communication:

ECNU MISSION AND PRACTICE



Speaker: QIAN Xuhong
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LECTURE ABSTRACT:

Focusing on the specific case of East China Normal University, a comprehensive Shanghai research university that he presides since 1917 and that is part of the “Double First-class” program of China, Professor QIAN Xuhong will present his views about the transformation of higher education institutions into World Class Universities in an environment of increasing intercultural dialogue and international exchange.

BIOGRAPHY OF PROFESSOR QIAN XUHONG:

QIAN Xuhong was born in 1962 and is a native of Baoying County, in East China's Jiangsu Province. Qian is the 8th president of ECNU. He is a Changjiang Scholar and a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and of the Royal Society of Chemistry of the United Kingdom. Qian received a Ph. D. in engineering from East China University of Science and Technology (ECUST) in 1988. He was an associate researcher with the Lamar University of the United States from 1989 to 1990 and an AVH post-doc at the University of Würzburg from 1990 to 1991. He returned to China and started his career as a teacher at ECUST in 1992. He acted as vice president of the university from 1996 to 2000 and as president from July 2004 to March 2015. He resigned in April 2015 to focus on research, before taking office as president and deputy Party chief of ECNU in January 2017.

Qian specialized in eco-friendly pesticides and functional dyes research and application. He has successfully developed key green efficient preparation technologies, including polyfluoro aromatic acid – a core intermediate of floxacine, eco-friendly pesticides such as paramonitrite heterocyclic nicotine insecticides and perfluoroalkoxy plant health activators, as well as heterocyclic fluorescent dyes such as naphthalimide.

Qian's honors include three first prizes of the Ministry of Education Science and Technology Progress Award. He holds China patents for more than 20 inventions and 15 international patents.

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