

Dear ISSCO Members/friends

The 30th Anniversary Conference of the International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas (ISSCO), -- “Diasporic Futures: Sinophobia, Techno-Political Strife, and the Politics of Care” -- with two parallel venues in the United States and China, have come to a successful conclusion!

Thanks to Professor Ling-chi Wang for his vision and initiating this conference. His outstanding contributions for soliciting much needed funds for the project are very much appreciated.

Thanks to the team of Professor Lok Siu of University of California, Berkeley, in the United States for successfully organizing the meeting in San Francisco! Administrators and students of the university played a significant role in ensuring the smooth operation of the complicated logistics involved.

Thanks to Dean Zhang Zhenjiang and Deputy Dean Dai Fan of Jinan University, China, for their excellent organization of the venue in China!

Thanks to more than 350 academic colleagues from all over the world for their online and offline support!

Thanks to the four founders of ISSCO: Ling-chi Wang, Teresita Ang-See, Karen Harris, and Emmanuel Ma Mung for sharing with us the 30-year experience since the founding of the association at the roundtable meeting!

Thanks to Li Wei and Madeline Hsu for leading the volunteers to assist in the membership registration work at the venue.

Since the conclusion of the conference, I have received many feedbacks from participants and organizers. The following comment from Professor Ling-chi Wang is particularly worth noting, “The plenary session on the ordeals of Chinese American scientists on Saturday was very powerful and even emotional. Some in the audience and the moderator of the symposium, Judge Lillian Sing, were moved to tears.”

There remains much work to be done. ISSCO will continue to make efforts to advance the field of Chinese Overseas scholarship, and with your support, we will no doubt continue to build on the excellent foundation of pioneer scholars in the field.

Once again, my heartfelt gratitude for all of you who have participated and supported our endeavors. We will certainly meet again in future conferences, which ISSCO is already in the process of planning. Till then, take care.

Li Minghuan

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