



CSIS LAUNCHES THE HILLS GOVERNANCE CENTER AT TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY IN BEIJING, CHINA

In a program sponsored by the World Bank and the Hills Governance Program at CSIS, the Hills Governance Center at Tsinghua University was opened on December 6, 2005 in Beijing, China with presentations by representatives from the China Banking Regulatory Commission and the Hills Governance Center at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea which was established in 2003. A third Governance Center at the Asian Institute of Management (“AIM”) in Manila was also opened in 2003.

The objective of the Centers is to select significant governance problems in their respective regions for rigorous research and analysis: to better understand the circumstances that foster such problems, to analyze the costs of such problems to society and to organize efforts to reduce their impact.

Working with the World Bank, academic institutions, and private and public enterprises interested in promoting better governance, the CSIS Hills Governance Program is establishing a network of organizations that will cooperate in fostering research projects, conferences and other events that can further these objectives.

Dr. Cheng Wenhao, Executive Director of the Center, presided over the opening with an audience that included: **Homi Kharas, Chief Economist of East Asia and Pacific Region, The World Bank; Behdad Nowroozi, Regional Corporate Governance Coordinator of East Asia and Pacific Region, The World Bank; Tong Daochi, China Securities Regulatory Commission; Zhang Xiaopu, China Banking Regulatory Commission; Stephen A. Maloy, General Counsel, Asia Pacific, General Electric Company; Jia Qingguo, Associate Dean, School of International Studies, Peking University; Zhou Jian, Director of Case Center Business School, Nankai University; Bai Chongen, Associate Dean, School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University; Wang Youqiang, Vice Dean, School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University.**

Felipe Alfonso, Executive Director of the AIM Governance Center and Kim Joongi, the Executive Director of the Yonsei Governance Center were also in attendance along with Roderick Hills, Chairman and Founder of the Program at CSIS and Moana Erickson, who directs the Hills Program at CSIS.

The presentation by the Yonsei Governance Center was of its study of the collapse of the Daewoo organization, and Mr. Tong Daochi, Vice Director of the Department of Supervision of publicly-listed companies of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, spoke of governance issues relating to Chinese banks.

Dr. Wenhao Cheng is an associate professor at the School of Public Policy & Management, Tsinghua University. He received his bachelor's degree in International Politics from Peking (Beijing) University, and his doctoral degree in Political Science from Yale University. His research covers a variety of issues such as corruption control, electronic government, governance etc. As a specialist on corruption control, he founded China's first non-governmental anti-corruption research institute at Tsinghua University in 2000. Dr. Cheng was a visiting scholar at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 2003.

The Hills Program on Governance was established by the Honorable Roderick M. Hills, former chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and leading advocate for effective corporate governance, and his wife, the Honorable Carla Hills, former member of the cabinets of Presidents Gerald R. Ford and George H.W. Bush.

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