



Welcome Address by

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Welcome Lunch for China Lien Fellows 2009

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Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Lien Ying Chow Legacy Fellowship Council, let me extend a very warm welcome to all of you.

The Lien Ying Chow Fellowship was established in September 2007 to honour and cherish the legacy of the late Dr Lien Ying Chow, who co-founded Nanyang University, the predecessor of NTU, and made significant contributions to the growth of Singapore. The programme seeks to recognise established and emerging leaders from Singapore and China who take a pro-active approach to address significant social and community concerns. Fellows from the two countries have the opportunity to be exposed to each other's unique environment and culture, to help forge viable partnerships and foster positive changes that will have a lasting impact on both countries. Today, we are very glad to gather here to welcome the second batch of Lien Fellows from China.

The Fellowship has been receiving strong support from the authorities in both Singapore and China. Chosen through a stringent selection process, the Lien Fellows are outstanding individuals and career high-flyers from major government departments in Singapore and China who want to make a difference in their respective fields.

Last year, four inaugural Lien Fellows from China, Dr Jin Weigang, Dr Qiu Yong, Dr Wang Yeyao and Dr Xing Ying, completed their research projects during their one-year

tenure. Inspired by the invaluable experience they gained during the Fellowship, they are now performing outstandingly in their respective fields. In September this year, Dr Foo Suan Fong, Mr Lee Yuan Hee and Mr Teo Eng Cheong – the newly appointed inaugural Singapore Lien Fellows – completed their short-term studies at China's Renmin University and are now working on their research projects.

Our second batch of four China Lien Fellows, Dr Liu Yong, Mr Mo Rong, Mr Tao Xuexin and Dr Xia Guang, are here at NTU to start their one-year stint. The distinguished scholars from diverse backgrounds will undertake policy research in urban planning, vocational training, management of government-funded project, and environmental protection in Singapore. Leveraging NTU's global network and extensive links in Singapore, they will develop their research agenda to find concrete and actionable solutions to intractable issues. They will also play an active part in customising their own programmes with the help of their mentors from NTU and other participating institutions in Singapore.

I would like to congratulate all our Lien Fellows and wish them every success in their research endeavors.

Thank you.