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Roundtable Discussion of 2015 SMU China Forum, from left to right: James TANG, Special Advisor (Greater China) to President, and Dean, School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University, CHEN Zhimin, Thomas Christiansen, and Henry GAO, Associate Professor of Law, SMU, and Member, Advisory Board, WTO Chairs Program, WTO Secretariat. (Photo: Xinhuanet)

BEIJING, NOV. 17(Xinhuanet) -- The Singapore Management University (SMU) hosted the SMU China Forum 2015 “China’s Alternative Vision for the World?” on 16 November 2015. Distinguished experts from the business, academic and government sectors agreed that with China’s “One Belt One Road” initiative, there will be a deepening collaboration between China and international community.

The opening address was delivered by Mr. Lim Swee Say, Singapore’s Minister of Manpower. He reviewed the achievements of government to government (G-to-G) cooperation between China and Singapore since 1990. He pointed out that although China and Singapore is quite different in size and population, they have common interest in various aspects. Both countries hold wide common interest and vast cooperation potential in education, urban management, communication, leadership training, science, innovation, culture, and water management. This dynamic relationship will promote the development of bilateral collaboration and benefits people of both countries.

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In his welcome address, SMU President Professor Arnoud De Meyer introduced SMU’s efforts in promoting the educational exchange between China and Singapore. He said, SMU aims to contribute to the third government-to-G project in Chongqing, and it has strengths and capabilities to contribute to the four priority areas of collaboration -- financial services, aviation, transport and logistics, and information and communication technology.

Professor Arnoud De Meyer also addressed that SMU is currently finalizing a Dual-Master’s degree partnership in MAF with a leading Chinese university partner to contribute talents to the “One Belt, One Road” initiative and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

Mr. Chen Zhimin, dean of School of International Relations and Public Affairs of Fudan University, gave a keynote speech about the transaction of China’s role in international affairs. He said, with the rise of China’s economy, China has transformed into a rule-maker among international community from passively accepting world rules.

Mr. Lai Chi Ming, Vice President of Tencent group delivered a speech themed “Global Connectivity- Internet Finance”. He presented the broad future of China’s internet industry from the “Internet+” perspective. Mr. Lai Chi Ming began his speech from the global popularity of Wechat Red packet, and introduced the Internet platform which he said will connect users and financial institutions with the final goal of “Global Connectivity”.

In the round table discussion section, keynotes speakers had a deep discussion about current topics such as outlook of China’s economy, the opportunities and challenges in the implementation of China’s “One Belt One Road” initiative, and China’s role in international organizations.

Organised for the third year, the SMU China Forum aims to provide business leaders, policy makers and the academia with a common platform to attain in-depth understanding and exchange on current issues and trends that are shaping China’s growth critically. Since late 2002, SMU has organized multiple China Forums in China and Singapore. It also held global forums with Tsinghua University, Fudan University and Xinhuanet.

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LIM Swee Say, Minister for Manpower of Singapore makes opening address at 2015 SMU China Forum. (Photo: Xinhuanet)



Arnoud DE MEYER, President of Singapore Management University makes welcome address at 2015 SMU China Forum. (Photo: Xinhuanet)

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Group photo of honorable speakers in 2015 SMU China Forum, from left to right: Thomas Christiansen, Chair in European Institutional Politics; Director, PhD programme for Professionals, UM Campus Brussels, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University; CHEN Zhimin, Professor&Dean, School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University; Lily Kong, Professor&Provost, SMU, and Lai Chi Ming, Tencent Holding Vice President&Head of Financial Technology Group (Photo:Xinhuanet)