

Transcript
of
Dr. Hwa A. Lim (林華安博士)'s
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Dr. Hwa A. Lim (林華安博士) speaking at 21st General Assembly.

Distinguished Friends and Colleagues,

My name is Hwa Lim. I have the great honor to represent AHSA from the San Francisco Bay Area, California, USA.



Dr. Hwa A. Lim (林華安博士), at the 21st General Assembly.

When people hear of San Francisco Bay Area or Silicon Valley, the first things that come to mind are Facebook, Google, eBay, Twitter and other high-tech or social media giants. While this is true, there are also many other notable activities besides high-tech. For example, our organization AHSA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and has thus not made as much impact financially as those social media giants. But since its inception on June 1, 2010, in the brief five-year period, it has made impacts and contributed in other very meaningful and worthy ways: it has organized no less than 20 large-scale events of 300-500 participants to reach out and serve the community.

In fact, I am a scientist by training and am a biotech guy. This may explain why I end up in Silicon Valley – the high-tech capital of the world. Being a successful scientist and entrepreneur should not constrain me from cultivating other meaningful endeavors outside my main professional domain of expertise.

In one of these endeavors, my partner and the president of AHSA, Carmelita Chao, who is with me today and is in the audience, is a Kingstone best-selling novelist.



Carmelita Chao (趙慧娟) at the 21st General Assembly.

Our backgrounds cannot be further afield, but somehow we convert the “odd combination” into our strengths – she the creative one, and I the more pragmatic one; she the vision, and I the executioner. Our organization has thrived over the brief period since its inception.

Very importantly, in order to expand the scope of AHSA’s work and attain further heights, we joined the UNESCO CID six months ago. And here I am, standing before this group of distinguished friends and colleagues to give this report at this international general assembly.



On this very special occasion of the 70th Anniversary of UNESCO, and the 21st General Assembly of CID, I take great pride in reporting to this General Assembly that we have been invited to audition for the Super Bowl 50 Halftime Show, which is on February 7, 2016. To be a part of the Super Bowl can be a person’s dream of a lifetime. We are, in this regard, extremely fortunate to have been invited at all, and we have successfully submitted our audition video, which is viewable on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAIzv1MzkKg>



Super Bowl 50 Halftime Show participants, and Super Bowl 50 logo.

We have achieved a great deal, but our work is still far from finished. We look forward to continuation of here-established personal connections. Together we will continue to make progress in AHSA’s goals and mandates, and also to contribute to UNESCO CID’s missions.

Thank you.