

ChiNese Society of Information Quality (CNIQ)

ABSTRACT

There is a Chinese proverb which states, “One thousand miles start with one small, first step.” Similarly, in March 2011, China took its first step as a leader in the field of information quality when I had the privilege and pleasure to meet with Professors Stuart Madnick, Richard Wang and Yang Lee, pioneering scholars in the field of information quality. With their encouragement and support, the idea of the ChiNese Society of Information Quality (CNIQ – pronounced as “scenic”) was born in an evening’s social gathering at the Hyatt Hotel in Cambridge, with the stars over the Charles River as its witness.

The Management School of Xi’an Jiaotong University (XJTU) has committed itself to transforming the idea of CNIQ into a reality. Professor Yinluo Wang – the founding dean of the school, a leading scholar and member of China’s Academy of Engineering in management – has provided his endorsement and strong support for the development of CNIQ in China. XJTU recognizes the potential which lies within the field of information quality and has focused its strategic research in this direction.

China's first Ph.D program in information quality is in the process of development, led by a team of esteemed scholars, including Professors G.Z. Feng, Q. Su, W. Sun and D.H. Di. The first Chinese book on information quality will be published in China this year based on the translation of *Journey to Data Quality* (MIT Press, 2006) by Lee, Wang and their colleagues, as well as initial research on information quality conducted in China. A workshop on IQ is being planned for late 2011, and we welcome IQ scholars around the world join us as China initiates its quest.

A long journey for information quality and its application in China lies ahead. We are confident that with the support of the pioneering scholars at MIT and other IQ scholars around the world, China and CNIQ will be well on their way towards a bright future in the field of information quality.

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Dr. Wayne Wei Huang is a professor of information systems (IS), College of Business, Ohio University. He was a fellow of Harvard University during 2009-2010. He worked as a full faculty in top-tier research universities in Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong and China. On leave from Ohio University in 2010, he was invited by Xi'an Jiaotong University, China to help further enhance its international programs as well as research programs in its management school, one of top business schools in China, where he graduated with an MBA degree in 1980s. Dr. Huang published more than 50 research papers in international peer-review IS journals, including in top-tier journals such as MIS Quality, Journal of MIS, Communications of ACM, ACM Transactions, IEEE transactions, European Journal of Information Systems, etc. He has received research grants from universities in US, Australia, Hong Kong, China and Singapore, and chaired or co-chaired international conferences around the world such as in Harvard University, USA; University of New South Wales, Australia; China.