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Welcome Message



As we approach a new decade starting in 2020, we are experiencing one of the most “challenging” years in modern 21st century – trade tensions caused global supply chain shortage, and meantime starting to embrace the new opportunities from the unlimited innovations of blockchain technologies.

The trade war escalation between the U.S. and China has created export rules for advanced technology and disrupted the global electronics ecosystem. Semiconductors is perhaps the most visible high-tech industry that has experience this tussle in this modern time trade tension. The United States has tremendous leverage in chip design and intellectual property while China has immense influence in the supply chain and electronics manufacturing. High-tech companies whose products rely on semiconductor chips are forced to “re-think” their strategy in order to deal with the new hardware and software technology restrictions and “nationalist first” approach in product developments.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had profound implications had drastically impacted our lives and the way we work and social interaction. Although the pandemic has severely impacted many economies, it has also forced many industries to “digitally transform” almost over-night. Blockchain is one of the nascent industries that has not been disrupted by technology but this pandemic has forced us to take a closer look into new ways of dealing with the emerging ecosystem of financial applications and protocols built on blockchain technology, such as the decentralized finance and other applications.

The theme of this year U.S. Taiwan High-Tech Forum (UTHF) is “**Blockchain, Semiconductor and its intersection in the Future of Finance, Work and Network Infrastructure**” with a distinguished list of accomplished industry executives and promising startup founders who will share insights on innovations in Semiconductor, Supply Chain, and how advances in Blockchain are transforming the entire ecosystems.

In its 24th year now, this is also the 2nd time that UTHF will be conducted “virtually” for safety precaution and enjoy the conference where-ever one may be.

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11/05 Agenda

Theme: Supply Chain and Semiconductor

TIME (PDT)	PROGRAM
4:30pm - 4:45pm	Opening Remarks
4:45pm - 5:20pm	Keynote Speaker “New Awareness of Semiconductor Technology and Supply Chain” Young Liu, Chairman at Foxconn
5:20pm - 5:55pm	Invited Speaker “Strengthening the Global Semiconductor Supply Chain” Jimmy Goodrich, VP of Global Policy at Semiconductor Industry Association
5:55pm - 6:30pm	Invited Speaker “Display Technology Trends and Implications to Semi Industry” Brian Shieh, Group VP & General Manager at Applied Materials
6:30pm - 7:05pm	Invited Speaker “Perspectives on Asian ICT Supply Chain Movement” Colley Hwang, President at DIGITIMES
7:05 pm	Closing Remarks

Speaker Profile

Nov 05

Talk “New Awareness of Semiconductor Technology and Supply Chain”



In 2016, he was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of SHARP Corporation and the General Manager of Foxconn's Semiconductor Business Group. In 2019, he became Chairman of Foxsemicon Integrated Technology Inc. and was appointed Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Foxconn Technology Group in the same year. In 2020, he became Chairman of Foxtron Vehicle Technologies Co.,Ltd.

Mr. Liu earned an M.S. degree in Computer Engineering from the University of Southern California in 1986 and a B.S. degree in Electrophysics from Taiwan's National Chiao Tung University in 1978.

Young Liu

Chairman, Foxconn

Mr. Young Liu is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Foxconn Technology Group, the world's largest electronics manufacturer and the leading global science and technology solutions provider.

As a recognized entrepreneur and innovator with over four decades of industry experience, Mr. Liu founded three companies: a motherboard company, Young Micro Systems; a northbridge and southbridge IC design company focused on the PC chipset as their core product, ITE Tech; and an ADSL IC design company, ITeX. Young Micro Systems was then merged Foxconn in 1994.

Mr. Liu joined Foxconn in 2007 as a Special Assistant to the Founder. In 2010, he was appointed as the General Manager of Innovation Digital System Business Group of Foxconn. Since 2014, he has also been the Chairman of Socle Technology Corporation.

Abstract

Semiconductor has become so powerful and so fundamental. The awareness of semiconductor's importance incurs countries to vie for leadership and secured supply chain of semiconductor. This competition breaks the current global semiconductor supply chain and makes it geopolitical. The players in the semiconductor supply chain and the down stream systems realize that they must cross segment boundaries to make themselves more valuable. In the automotive industry, the non-transparent nature of the tier1-tier2-tier3 supply chain has caused the problem of IC shortage and the loss in revenue. It is time to consider alternative solution. MIH is an independent open platform initiated by Foxconn. It not only can provide an alternative solution to the automotive industry but also help Taiwan to utilize her strength in semiconductor and ICT industry.

Speaker Profile

Nov 05

Talk “Strengthening the Global Semiconductor Supply Chain”



Before moving to Washington D.C. in 2012, Jimmy spent a total of seven years working in the tech sector in China, including for Cisco Systems, APCO Worldwide, and USITO. Jimmy has a bachelor’s degree in comparative politics and East Asian studies from Ohio University. He is professionally fluent in Mandarin and serves on the Board of Directors of the American Mandarin Society, which promotes mandarin-language study for young Americans.

Abstract

Semiconductors are a critical technology, powering everything from telecommunications to cars to defense systems, and underpinning the modern economy. The cost and R&D intensity of the semiconductor industry depends on a deeply globalized supply chain to deliver continual leaps in cost savings and performance enhancements. Both the United States and Taiwan play outsized and interdependent roles in this complex ecosystem. Recently, geopolitical and economic dynamics have highlighted vulnerabilities stemming from the geographic specialization of these supply chains, focus global attention on increasing the resiliency and security of these supply chains. The U.S. Government is working to advance historic support for the semiconductor industry as it seeks to secure its historic domestic technological leadership for the long term. The Semiconductor Industry Association is partnered closely with the U.S. Government as well as foreign partners to bring these proposals forward to effective implementation for the benefit of global semiconductor supply chains and innovation around the world.

Jimmy Goodrich

VP of Global Policy,
Semiconductor Industry
Association

Jimmy Goodrich joined SIA in 2015 and is vice president for global policy. In this role, Jimmy leads SIA’s global policy team and works to advance SIA’s international competitiveness, trade, supply chain, and China policy agenda. An expert in Chinese technology and innovation, Jimmy is a member of the Executive Committee for Beijing-based United States Information Technology Office (USITO), representing SIA in his capacity.

Jimmy has a diverse background in Chinese technology policy issues. Previously he was director of China policy at the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI) in Washington D.C.

Speaker Profile

Nov 05

Talk “Display Technology Trends and Implications to Semi Industry”



Dr. Shieh holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the National Taiwan University and a Ph.D. in materials science from the University of California, Berkeley.

Brian Shieh, Ph.D.

Group Vice President
General Manager, Display and Flexible Technology Applied Materials

Dr. Brian Shieh is group vice president and general manager of Display and Flexible Technology business unit at Applied Materials. Dr. Shieh first joined Applied Materials in 1992 as an etch technologist and then spent three years as an associate at McKinsey & Company, practicing in the greater China region. He rejoined Applied Materials in 1998 and progressed his career to general managers in different business units at semi, solar and display.

Abstract

The display industry is characterized by waves of new technologies replacing older ones. These display transitions are highly visible in end-user products such as mobile phones, tablets, notebooks, monitors and TVs. New immersive, high performing displays with new form factors are highly desired by the end-users and can drive replacement demand at the end-market. Additionally, the more advanced display products are accompanied by higher semiconductor content per set. And finally, new display technologies, such as micro-LED, can provide opportunities for new companies and supply chains to form. All of these trends drive semiconductor demand and provide opportunities for semiconductor and related industries.

Speaker Profile

Nov 05

Talk “Perspectives on Asian ICT Supply Chain Movement”



He has also served on the boards of directors at WPG Holdings, Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, China Aviation Development Foundation, TAITRA, and Sinocon Industrial Standards Foundation.

Colley Hwang

President, DIGITIMES

Colley Hwang is a media executive, veteran ICT analyst, and best-selling author with 35+ years of experience and close connections with many key persons in the ICT industry and government sector. In 1998, Hwang founded DIGITIMES, a unique news portal and media platform dedicated to coverage of the global ICT supply chain, with a strong focus on Taiwan and China. Hwang is a highly regarded author among Taiwan’s ICT industry leaders, publishing nine bestselling books. Having experienced cultures in America, Korea, and Taiwan, Hwang offers a unique perspective seldom found in other analysts and journalists. He has served as an adviser for numerous local governments and organizations, including the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Taipei City. Prior to founding DIGITIMES, Hwang led Taiwan’s Market Intelligence Center (MIC) of the Institute of Information Industry (III).

11/12 Agenda

Theme: Blockchain and Crypto

TIME (PST)	PROGRAM
4:30pm - 4:45pm	Opening Remarks
4:45pm - 5:20pm	Keynote Speaker “Overview of Blockchain Technologies and Promising Applications” Edward Y. Chang, Adjunct Professor in Computer Science, Stanford
5:20pm - 5:55pm	Invited Speaker “Recent Blockchain Application/Growth Trends, New Technologies and their impact with Focus on Crypto or Finance” Andrew Tang, Chair, Executive Committee at Draper University Partner at Draper Associates & DraperDragon
5:55pm - 6:30pm	Invited Speaker “Introduction to Web3 and emerging trends in Global Blockchain Policy” Clara Tsao, Founding Officer and Director
6:30pm - 7:00pm	Blockchain Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clara Tsao• Serra Wei• Sophia Zhao
7:00 pm	Closing Remarks

Speaker Profile

Nov 12

Talk “Overview of Blockchain Technologies and Promising Applications”



Edward Y. Chang, Ph.D.

Adjunct Professor, Computer Science, Stanford University

Edward Chang, a pioneer of data-driven deep learning and parallel machine learning algorithms, is currently serves as an adjunct professor at Stanford CS department. His developed parallel algorithms, data-driven deep learning patents filed at Google, and sponsorship to Stanford ImageNet project contributed to the current AI revolution. Before returning to Stanford, Ed was the president of HTC Healthcare (DeepQ), the director of research at Google Beijing, and a full professor at UC, Santa Barbara. He received his MS degree in CS and PhD in EE from Stanford University. He is a recipient of the NSF Career Award and Google Innovation Award. He is an IEEE Fellow for his contributions to scalable machine learning. The broader societal impact of his work was awarded the Tricorder XPRIZE (2017), ACM SIGMM test-of-time honor (2020), and Taiwan Presidential Award (2020).

Abstract

Soteria: A Multi-Layer Blockchain for Auditable Data Security and Privacy Preservation

Recent successes of AI in several application domains attest the importance of big data in achieving high performance in domain-specific metrics. In domains such as healthcare and finance where data and PII are tightly associated, both security- and privacy-preservation are essential. Indeed, regulations such as GDPR and CCPA enforce revocable and provable user-data privacy preservation with very hefty violation fines (e.g., over tens of millions of USD). To fulfill the requirements of transparency, auditability, revocability, data consistency, high throughput, and low latency, Soteria employs a two-layer block-chain architecture. The main chain ensures partition tolerance and availability (PA) properties while side chains ensure consistency and availability (CA), thus providing the three properties of the CAP (consistency, availability, and partition tolerance) theorem. Furthermore, Soteria stores revocable smart contracts on its side chains in the form of auditable natural language, and automatically converts natural language into executable code with provable accuracy. In this talk I will also discuss protocol selection and inter-chain management strategies for improving system scalability, and address key shortcomings of some other approaches such as federated learning. (Soteria [1] was jointly developed by Stanford, NTU, and DeepQ.)

[1] Soteria: A Provably Compliant User Right Manager Using a Novel Two-Layer Blockchain Technology, IEEE Infrastructure Conference, 2020.

Speaker Profile

Talk “Recent Blockchain Application/Growth Trends, New Technologies and their impact with Focus on Crypto or Finance”



He has invested in companies such as Coinbase (COIN), VeChain (VET), MakersPlace, Sheeld, Ledger, CloudMedx, Yeepay, Jin Jing Electric Motors, Alto Beam, Vicarious Artificial Intelligence, Broadbus (MOT), to name a few.

Andrew grew up in Taiwan. He has a Bachelor’s degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, a Master’s Degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from MIT, and received an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Andrew Tang

**Chair, Executive Committee at
Draper University
Partner at Draper Associates &
DraperDragon**

Andrew Tang is a Partner at Draper Associates, a leading Silicon Valley fund investing in early-stage technology companies and is also a Partner at Draper Dragon Fund, a US-China cross border fund. He assists with their business development, particularly international market entry strategy and partnerships. Andrew serves as the Chair, Executive Committee of Draper University, which is an incubator and entrepreneurship education program located in Silicon Valley.

Andrew has over 20 years of operating, research and development, investment banking and investing experience in the high-tech space. He co-founded Draper DragonFund in 2006 to focus on cross-border investing.

Speaker Profile

Nov 12

Talk “Introduction to Web3 and emerging trends in Global Blockchain Policy”



Clara is also the Board Chair and President of the White House Presidential Innovation Fellows Foundation and a Senior Advisor at Tech Against Terrorism.

Clara Tsao

Founding Officer and Director, Filecoin Foundation

Clara Tsao is the founding director of the Filecoin Foundation and the Filecoin Foundation for the Decentralized Web. She is also co-founder and on the board of the Trust & Safety Professional Association and the Trust & Safety Foundation. Clara previously was the Senior Advisor for Emerging Technology (IoT and Blockchain) at the Department of Homeland Security and a Chief Technology Officer focused on countering foreign influence, election security, and homegrown extremism. She has spent a decade working in the technology industry across global teams at Microsoft, Apple, Sony PlayStation, AT&T, and also as a Google and Mozilla Technology Policy Fellow.

Abstract

In addition to supporting cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin and reinventing what the world has known as “traditional finance” , blockchain technology is used today by many companies building “Web 3”.

Web3 is the next layer of the internet where distributed users and machines are able to interact with each other without the need for centralized third parties with the promise to wrest control from major technology monopolies (Google, Facebook, Microsoft) that control the information online today.

Clara Tsao, the Co-Founding Director of the Filecoin Foundation will cover an introduction to Web3, distributed storage, popular open source blockchains, and emerging policy trends within the US and the rest of the world.



Clara Tsao

Founder at Filecoin Foundation

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Serra Wei

CEO at Aegis Custody

Serra (Angel) Wei is a cryptocurrency finance executive, investor and entrepreneur with a blend of experience in both legacy & blockchain-based finance and cryptocurrencies. Ms. Wei has worked with Goldman Sachs and Passport Capital on building investment strategies, structuring M&A deals, cryptocurrency trading and custody solutions. She has a MBA degree from Stanford Business School.



Sophia Zhao

Principal, AVG Blockchain Fund

Sophia is a Principal at Alumni Ventures Group's Blockchain Fund with portfolio companies including BlockFi, Algorand, Mythical Games and Circle.

Sophia immersed herself in the world of cryptocurrencies in 2017 and started her crypto journey with Galaxy Digital, supporting blockchain projects on fundraising, investor relations, and ICO initiatives. Further, she is an active volunteer Judge and Mentor with Ethereum Foundation, Algorand, Harmony and Solana Labs. She holds a BBA from Simon Fraser University, an MBA from University of British Columbia, and a MAM from Yale School of Management.

Moderators

Alice Wenchi Kuo

Alice is a strong community builder who brings people and stakeholders together into partnerships. She is skilled in program execution and bridges the gap between startup communities in the United States and Asian countries.

Alice works at Worca, a Global HR SaaS company that builds cross-border teams of top talent and provides end-to-end HR solutions. She also joined NATEA (North American Taiwanese Engineers & Science Association) as the board of directors.



Jane Lu

Jane is a rising star with proven career track in tech transformation, operation strategy and passion in promoting gender equality. She is an MBA candidate at Berkeley Haas, the Network Leader of Lean In Taipei and Board Member of NATEA.



Yan-Jiun (YJ) Chen

YJ is an engineering leader with a track record of shaping high output teams. She is currently an Engineering Manager at Reddit, leading the chat team. Prior to Reddit, YJ has led teams at ASAPP, an AI for enterprise startup; and worked as a software engineer at Bloomberg LP, where she also served as co-chair of Bloomberg Women in Tech, an ERG with 1000+ members. She continues to make supporting fellow women in tech and attracting diverse talent a component of her work. As a former physicist with a Ph.D. from Cornell university and B.S. from National Taiwan University, she loves asking questions and learning, and is delighted to be hosting this blockchain panel today.

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Throughout the year, we host seminars and tech talks as well as major events including events such as our annual US Taiwan High-Tech Forum (www.uthf.net) and US Taiwan Startup Forum (www.utstartup.net)

As a science and technology non-profit, it is our mission to promote these high-tech innovations and advancement in the U.S., Taiwan and globally. To support this effort, we have also assembled an world-class industry advisors to support our communities in the advancement of these initiatives.

In addition, we plan to advance our mission with focus in these sectors

1. Community Playground that is accessible to all
2. Cross-Border Connection of technology exchange between U.S. and Taiwan
3. Career Developments for the next generation leaders and entrepreneurs in corporate and start-ups

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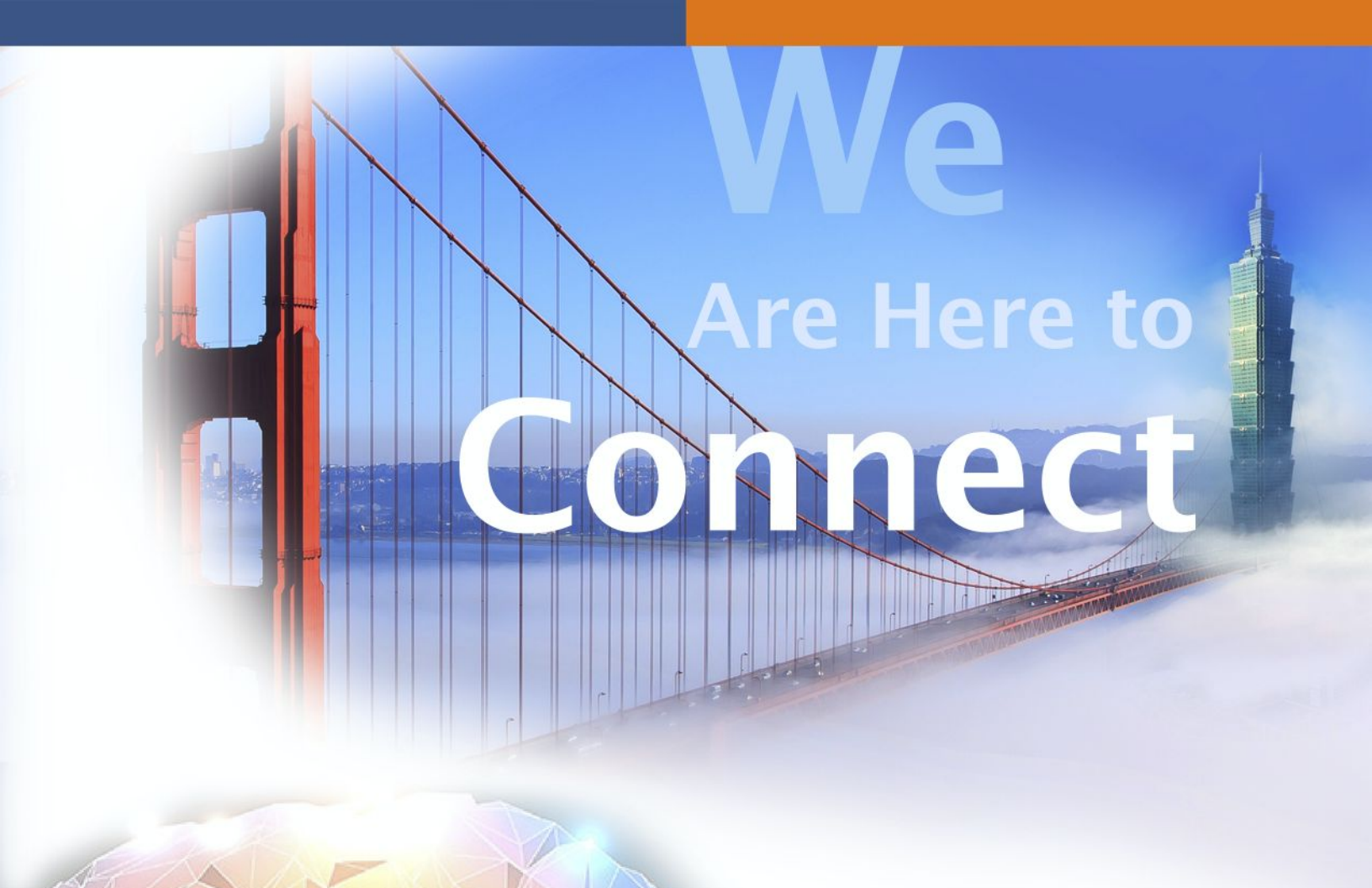
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The background of the top half of the page features a composite image. On the left, the Golden Gate Bridge is shown in a hazy, blue-tinted view. On the right, the Taipei 101 skyscraper is visible against a blue sky. The text 'We Are Here to Connect' is overlaid in white and light blue.

We Are Here to Connect

A large, glowing wireframe brain is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the page. It is composed of a network of interconnected nodes and lines, with a color gradient from purple to yellow. The brain is set against a dark, textured background.

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