

Brief Report of Round Table Discussion on Smart Grid

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“The smart grid key words are **holistic, values, innovate, and strategy.**” - Stephen Lee

“Renewable energy implementation requires energy storage to dynamically balance the supply, and dynamic price forward can ease the energy storage needs.” – Edward Cazalet

“New energy is the focus of private and public investments in China as it is becoming strategically important for China’s sustained economic growth.” – Zhengyu Zhang

On Jan 11, CASPA and UCGEC (US-China Green Energy Council) co-sponsored a round table discussion on Smart Grid, at WSGR at 650 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, California 94304-1050. Two guest speakers, Dr. Stephen Lee of EPRI and Dr. Edward Cazalet of MegaWatt gave excellent talks on Holistic Smart Grid and on Business Opportunities in Smart Grid Transaction and Storage respectively. In addition, we have a special guest, Dr. Zhengyu Zhang from China’s New Energy Chamber of Commerce (NECC), who introduced the Chamber as well as how the chamber is related to All Federal Chamber of Industrial and Commerce (and how it is related to China’s government structure. Dr. Allen Lu of Semi China also participated the event. By talking to the experts face to face, participants (including many CASPA members and invited guests) gain a lot of insights on the status of the smart grid and the opportunities from two guest speakers and on the emergent opportunities in China.

P.S. Following the event, CASPA president Dr. Jason Wang and Dr Zhengyu Zhang has a meeting discussing how CASPA and NECC should cooperate. Both sides agreed that it is beneficial to establish a regular information exchange on new energy related projects looking for markets or technologies.

P.S. Following the event, Sean Yan initiated a Special Interest Group on New Energy and was approved by CASPA. Initial core members include two new CASPA lifetime members, Qing Li and Michael Hsieh, plus three BOD Jasopin Lee, Xianfeng Ding and Charlie Chao.