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Pharmaceutical Industry and
Taiwan's Engagement

Sean Wang is the President of ITRI International Inc. (San Jose, California), a subsidiary of ITRI, since June 2005.

ITRI International Inc. is ITRI's presence in North America. It engages in incubation of startups, in Silicon Valley and from Taiwan, technology transfer, IP business, high-level training, and recruiting as well as and facilitates R&D collaboration and contract research. The incubation practice has involved, in various degrees, with more than 100 startups in Silicon Valley and from Taiwan to accelerate technology and/or product development by partnering up with ITRI's labs, to get product validation from major early customers, to explore broader market applications in Asia and beyond, and to be considered for venture funding. Since 2011, Sean and the team have also been connecting the medical devices value chain in Silicon Valley with Taiwan's large companies and startups as well as physicians and researchers in that sector by providing an annual training and networking program. The program has also helped to build a well-connected community of medical devices across Taiwan and Silicon Valley.

Sean also served as the General Director of ITRI's International Center (Hsinchu, Taiwan) from Feb. 2016 to July 2018. At ITRI's International Center, Sean and the team have built collaboration platforms to facilitate collaborations between various R&D teams, at ITRI and other R&D organizations as well as Taiwanese companies, with international partners, including government agencies, R&D organizations,

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universities, large companies and startups. The main geographical coverage of the practice includes U.S., Canada, Europe, Japan, Southeast Asia, Israel, Turkey, and Australia.

In July 2004, Sean first joined ITRI as the General Director of Industrial Economics Knowledge Center (IEK), which conducts market research, strategic planning, and business consulting for various industrial sectors. IEK also functions as a think tank.

Before joining ITRI, for about 15 years, Sean was a senior consultant with SRI International/SRI Consulting (Menlo Park, California), where he developed and implemented international proprietary projects on technology evaluation, feasibility study, strategic planning, licensing strategy, new business opportunities identification, and investment decision for international clients. Earlier, Sean was associated with M.W. Kellogg (now KBR, Houston, Texas) and Morgantown Energy Technology Center (now a part of the National Energy Technology Laboratory) of U.S. Department of Energy. He was trained and with B.S, MS., and Ph.D. degrees in Chemical Engineering.