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Dr. Chen was born in China. As an advocate of lifelong learning, Dr. Chen's educational career has lasted for over 35 years. Dr. Shawn Chen is the Founder and the Chairman of the Board of Sias University. He also served as the Former President, and current Board Member of the Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP).

Being educated in China and the United States, Dr. Chen's career has embraced education, business, and entrepreneurship in both countries. In 1998, with the approval of the Minister of Education in China, Dr. Chen founded Sias University, an innovative educational institution through which students, leaders, and scholars from East and West can meet and profit from an exchange of ideas expressed in both Chinese and English.

As Founder / Chairman of the University, Dr. Chen is solely responsible for financing, planning, implementation, and assessment of the university's overall operations. Dr. Chen has received many awards from both organizations and governments of China and the United States. He is an Economic Advisor to Chongqing and Henan Province and also a Cultural ambassador between China and U.S. His efforts on facilitating the business and cultural exchange between the two nations have been highly acknowledged.

To help introduce more Silicon Valley successful innovation and incubation experiences as well as advanced management system to China, Dr. Chen co-founded Plug and Play (China). PnP (China) has established incubation centers in Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an, Chongqing, Hangzhou, Suzhou, and Zhengzhou, to provide further support for China's science technology development.