Global Semiconductor Alliance Announces Semiconductor Leaders Forum Taiwan 2011

The Global Semiconductor Alliance announces its seventh annual Semiconductor Leaders Forum Taiwan, taking place on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at the Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan. GSA is honored to have keynote addresses from Dr. John Hennessy, president of Stanford University, who is making a special trip to Taiwan for this event, and Dr. Chao-shiuan Liu, chairman of The General Association of Chinese Culture & honorable chairman of Monte Jade Science & Technology Association (Taiwan).

“This year’s forum will feature keynote speakers, Dr. John Hennessy and Dr. Chao-shiuan Liu, discussing semiconductor technology and management information most relevant to your business,” said Dr. Nicky Lu, chairman of GSA, and chairman and CEO of Etron Technology, Inc. “As we are facing a global economic slowdown and numerous challenges in the semiconductor industry, GSA’s Taiwan forum is an excellent way to broaden your vision, engage in high level networking and increase business opportunities, while helping Taiwan align with the global community,” Dr. Lu further commented.

Dr. Hennessy joined Stanford's faculty in 1977 as an assistant professor of electrical engineering, and was the inaugural Willard R. and Inez Kerr Bell professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from 1987 to 2004. He served as the chair of computer science from 1994, and in 1996 was named dean of the School of Engineering. From 1999 to 2000, he was named provost, the university’s chief academic and financial officer. In October 2000, he was inaugurated as Stanford University's 10th president. A pioneer in computer architecture, in 1981 Dr. Hennessy drew together researchers to focus on a computer architecture known as RISC (Reduced Instruction Set Computer), a technology that has revolutionized the computer industry by increasing performance while reducing costs. In addition to his role in the basic research, Dr. Hennessy helped transfer this technology to industry. In 1984, he cofounded MIPS Computer Systems, now MIPS Technologies, which designs microprocessors. In recent years, his research has focused on the architecture of high-performance computers. Dr. Hennessy is a recipient of the 2000 IEEE John von Neumann Medal, the 2000 ASEE Benjamin Garver Lamme Award, the 2001 ACM Eckert-Mauchly Award, the 2001 Seymour Cray Computer Engineering Award, a 2004 NEC C&C Prize for lifetime achievement in computer science and engineering and a 2005 Founders Award from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and the National Academy of Sciences, and he is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Association for Computing Machinery, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Dr. Chao-Shiuan Liu joined National Tsing Hua University’s faculty in 1971 after acquiring his Ph.D. in chemistry in Canada, and became the president of the

university in 1987. In 1997, Dr. Liu was recruited as vice premier by then-premier Vincent Siew, and established the Monte Jade Science and Technology Association as a platform to develop a global knowledge-economy community in 2001. Dr. Liu returned to academia in 2004 as the president of private Soochow University. He was appointed by president Ma as the nation's premier in 2008, and elected as the chairman of The General Association of Chinese Culture in January 2010.

The forum will commence with welcoming remarks by GSA president, Jodi Shelton. This half-day educational program will also feature presentations from Jean-Marc Chery, senior executive vice president and CTO, STMicroelectronics, as well as Dr. Ho-Ming Tong, GM of Corporate R&D and chief R&D officer, ASE Group.

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