

October 5 Meeting Summary Posted

The [October 5 meeting summary](#) has been posted. We thank the following speakers for their contributions to the meeting:

- Krystal Ka'ai for her update about CAPAC
- Laura Secor for her New Yorker story of [Professor Sirous Asgari](#).
- John Yang for the launch of the Anti-Racial Profiling Project
- Yen Marshall for her introduction of APAPA
- Mike German, John Yang, Gisela Kusakawa, Yen Marshall, Jinliang Cai, Steven Pei, and Vincent Wang for representing five groups to put together the first of a series of webinars to raise awareness and examine the ramifications of the government's misguided scrutiny and profiling of Chinese Americans and Chinese immigrants through the "China Initiative"

The September 14 meeting summary is backlogged. However, Dr. David Zweig's presentation on [China's Thousand Talent Program and US Research Discrimination](#) is available.

Protect Yourself: Know Your Rights

Part of the Anti-Racial Profiling Project is to inform you on how to protect yourself by knowing your rights. Advancing Justice | Asian American Justice Center provides you [Key information for Scientists, Scholars and Researchers Contacted by Law Enforcement, Government Officials and Employers Related to their Alleged Connections with China](#). Please read it carefully and share it with your colleagues, friends, and family members and stay informed. A Chinese-language version will become available shortly.

Understand what you should do when FBI agents knock on your door. If you do not have your own attorney and would like a legal referral, contact Advancing Justice | AAJC at **202-935-6014** using the **Signal** app for the contact information of attorneys who have experience with cases involving the targeting of Asian American and Asian immigrant scientists, scholars and researchers particularly those of Chinese descent. A staff member from Advancing Justice | AAJC will reach out to you directly.

America's Lost Talents by Racial Profiling

On October 27, 2020, BBC News reported on [Qian Xuesen 钱学森: The scientist deported from the US who helped China into space](#). A Chinese scientist helped not one but two superpowers reach the moon, but his story is remembered in only one of them.

Qian was born in China in 1911. He came to study at MIT in 1935 and moved to CalTech to study under one of the most influential aeronautical engineers of the day, the Hungarian émigré, Theodore von Karman. Qian co-founded the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and became one of the world's foremost experts on jet propulsion by the end of World War II.

However, his glittering career in the US came to a sudden halt by the end of the decade. The Cold War was under way, and the anti-communist witch-hunts of the McCarthy era were just around the corner. It was in this atmosphere that the FBI accused Qian and others of being communists, and a threat to national security.

Qian was stripped of his security clearance and put under house arrest for five years. He was deported to China with his wife and two US-born children in 1955. A former US Secretary of the Navy, Dan Kimball, said it was "the stupidest thing this country ever did."

Over the decades, Qian trained a new generation of scientists in China, oversaw the launch of China's first satellite into space, and his work laid the foundations for China to send its own people to the moon. He became known as the "father of Chinese rocketry."

Qian died at the age of 98 in 2009. In that time China grew from an economic minnow to a superpower on Earth and in space. Qian was part of that transformation. But his story could have been a great American one too - where talent, wherever it is found, could thrive.

For modern-day versions of Qian, read the stories of [Dr. Xifeng Wu](#) 吴息凤, formerly of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, and [Dr. Weihong Tan](#) 谭蔚泓, formerly of the University of Florida.

From the AAAS

According to the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) on October 27, 2020, business groups have [filed a lawsuit](#) against the Trump administration over immigration reforms aimed at making it tougher for skilled foreign workers to get visas. The move follows the Administration's announcement of new rules on H-1B visas.

The Trump administration [released](#) a national strategy to develop and grow critical and emerging technologies. Highlighting increased investments from international competitors such as China and Russia, as well as national security concerns, the strategy seeks to safeguard U.S. leadership in research and development (R&D) and

accelerate innovation. Included in the strategic plan are calls for increased prioritization for R&D in federal budgets, encouraging research security within the nation's scientific enterprise, attracting and retaining innovative individuals, and leading the development of international norms and standards for innovation. Read the full strategy [here](#).

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