Dr. Xiao-Ping Zhang is a world-class research leader and educator in engineering and an influential entrepreneur, who has substantially impacted and helped to shape the development of multiple areas of research and industrial practices. His extensive research on signal processing theories, methods, algorithms, and cross-disciplinary applications has significantly advanced the field. A widely recognized and respected leader in engineering communities, he provides exemplary service and has nurtured and inspired a generation of young engineers and researchers. His technology-based business initiatives and activities have fostered the development and formation of AI tools in the burgeoning financial technology (FinTech) industry.

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Ladies and gentlemen, and Mr. President, please welcome Xiao-Ping Zhang as a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada.