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2018 Integral Conversation explores working in harmony under Industry 4.0

**Annual conference to bring sustainability experts and business leaders to Guilin from
November 15 to 17**

Hong Kong, November 8, 2018 – The 5th Integral Conversation returns to Guilin next week to focus on sustainable development in the era of Industry 4.0. Attendees, including international business leaders, influential scholars and distinguished policymakers, will discuss how to promote and apply technologies and innovations to enhance human potential, and how emerging technologies can transform the nature of human work.

Established in 2014 by Esquel Group, a leading global textile and apparel manufacturer, the Integral Conversation provides a platform for discussing how economic progress can proceed in harmony with the environment and society. Hosted from November 15 to 17 in the scenic city of Guilin, this year's conference will feature the theme of "Industry 4.0: Working in Harmony".

Through keynote speeches and panel discussions, representatives from Esquel Group, including John Cheh, Vice Chairman and CEO, and Teresa Yang, Vice Chairman, as well as experts and scholars from various specializations, will lead the conversations. Topics will focus on how business leaders redefine the future of work amidst the development of artificial intelligence and robotics with the advent of Industry 4.0, and how innovative manufacturing builds a sustainable ecosystem to embrace new challenges. Distinguished guests include but are not limited to the following speakers; please visit [2018 Integral Conversation](#) for further information:

- *Andrew Sheng*, Distinguished Fellow of Asia Global Institute, The University of Hong Kong
- *Shiyi Pan*, Chairman, Co-Founder, SOHO China
- *Bonnie Tu*, Chairperson, Giant Group
- *Antoine Blondeau*, Managing Partner and Co-founder, Alpha Intelligence Capital
- *Steve Evans*, Director of Research in Industrial Sustainability at the Institute for Manufacturing, Department of Engineering, University of Cambridge
- *Yongsheng Zhang*, Deputy Director General, Department of Development Strategy and Regional Economy, Development Research Center of the State Council of P.R. China
- *Gabriel Leung*, Dean of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong
- *Shenyang*, Bass Baritone

"The previous Integral Conversation discussed the global imperative of tackling environmental and human health challenges," said John Cheh, Vice Chairman & CEO of Esquel Group. "This year, we will explore the trends and possibilities of innovative technologies, and how smarter production methods could reduce impact on our environment. Together with different stakeholders, we can create a future where technology, people and the environment coexist in harmony for shared prosperity."

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About Integral Conversation

Integral Conversation aims to establish an independent platform bringing together experts from a wide range of fields to explore a more holistic approach to sustainable development. The dialogue takes place in Guilin, a city known for its well-preserved stunning landscape and waters. This location provides a backdrop for the meaningful dialogues while allowing us to reflect on the future of sustainable development.

Since 2014, Integral Conversation attracts more than 300 experts every year from the public, private and academic sectors attending the annual events and discussing sustainable development in multi-facets. Past conferences explore topics including the next development model for China, sustainability and living to such basics as clothing, food, urban living and mobility, connectivity and sustainability and reimagining health.

For more details, please visit [2018 Integral Conversation](#).

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