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OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

DR. ZHIQIANG TAN, the WPI Alumni Association is proud to honor you for your global achievements and contributions to and leadership in media, technology and telecommunications in China. You make the entire WPI community proud.

You graduated from Jilin University in China in 1980 after studying computer science. Shortly after, you came to the United States to study at WPI. In 1984, you graduated with a master's degree in computer science and in 1987, you completed your PhD in computer science. From here, your career began and blossomed.

In the early 1990s, you joined Chipcom as its general manager of China Chipcom, a leading manufacturer of networking products from the United States of America. Later, Chipcom was acquired by 3Com Networks.

Your career then took you to become the vice president for Microsoft China where you oversaw sales channels and business partnerships.

From 1999 through 2002, you served as the CEO of 8848.net, notably the largest

online e-commerce company at the time in China.

You worked as a senior advisor to Chinese media company, Tom Group Limited, on strategic development as well as mergers and acquisitions.

After that, you took a CEO and Chairman position at a startup company, Framedia Ltd. in Beijing. Under your leadership, revenues grew from RMB \$36 million to RMB \$1.2 billion in just three years. Focus Media later acquired the company for US \$183 million. Then, you took the position as CEO of Focus Media, a NASDAQ listed company.

In 2009, you joined Northern Light venture Capital, the China-focused venture firm's Beijing office, where you served as chief executive and director. You provided expertise in building the firm's media businesses.

Zhi Tan, your professional achievements have made WPI proud. The WPI Alumni Association is pleased to present you with the Robert H. Goddard Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.

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President, WPI Alumni Association