

Chu to give keynote address at Technology Innovation Forum X

Steven Chu will present the keynote address at the Tenth Technology Innovation Forum: “U.S. National Laboratories as Engines for Innovation.” Government research laboratories are a great national resource for technology innovation and development. The forum explores the opportunities and challenges



in how best to utilize government labs for bringing new materials technologies to market. Through a series of talks and panel discussions, it will examine case studies from around the world and highlight best practices that are viable.

Chu is the William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Physics and Professor of Molecular and Cellular Physiology in the

medical school at Stanford University. He has published 260 papers in atomic and polymer physics, biophysics, biology, biomedicine and batteries, and holds 10 patents. Chu was the 12th US Secretary of Energy from January 2009 until the end of April 2013. As the first scientist to hold a Cabinet position and the longest serving energy secretary, he recruited outstanding scientists and engineers into the Department of Energy. He began several initiatives, including ARPA-E (Advanced Research Projects Agency–Energy), the Energy Innovation Hubs, and the US–China Clean Energy Research Center (CERC). Chu has numerous awards, including the 1997 Nobel Prize in Physics shared with Claude Cohen-Tannoudji and William D. Phillips, and he holds 26 honorary degrees.

For more information about the Technology Innovation Forum X, visit

www.mrs.org/spring-2016-technology-innovation-forum.

Technology Innovation Forum X

Tuesday, March 29
PCC, Lower Level
Hall 5–The Exhibit Stage

Unlocking Innovation at National Labs

How Do Government Research Laboratories Most Effectively Help Bring About Technology Commercialization?

- **Keynote Address**
Steven Chu
10:15 am – 11:15 am
- **Panel Discussions**
11:30 am – 4:30 pm

Forrest keynote to kick off second edition of iMatSci

The second edition of iMatSci—Innovation in Materials Science—provides materials-based innovators with a platform to demonstrate the practical applications of their technologies, while connecting these innovators to potential sources of venture capital. An international pool of startups will



be judged by professional technology innovators and will compete for cash prizes.

A keynote address on Transformational Innovation by Stephen Forrest, University of Michigan, kicks

off the event, which also features a panel discussion on early-stage investment and venture funding.

Forrest is a professor of electrical engineering and computer science, physics, and materials science and

engineering at the University of Michigan. He holds a BA degree in physics from the University of California–Berkeley, and MSc and PhD degrees in physics from the University of Michigan. He has authored ~554 papers in refereed journals and holds 280 patents. In May 2015, Forrest was named the University of Michigan’s Distinguished University Innovator. He is co-founder or founding participant of several companies, and serves on the board of governors of the Technion–Israel Institute of Technology.

The Venture Funding Panel Discussion provides a mechanism to examine early-stage investment opportunities, assist entrepreneurs and early-stage growth companies, and be a quality source for information. Get your venture funding questions answered, such as How can I fund my venture with someone else’s money? What do angel investors and venture capital investors look at

when making a funding decision? What do angels and ventures fund? For more information about iMatSci events, visit www.mrs.org/spring-2016-imatsci.

iMatSci— Innovation in Materials Science

Wednesday, March 30
PCC, Lower Level
Hall 5–Exhibit

- **Innovator Demonstrations**
11:00 am – 5:30 pm
- **Keynote Address**
Stephen Forrest
1:15 am – 12:00 pm
- **Venture Funding Panel Discussion**
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
- **iMatSci Winners Announced**
5:15 pm