Connect in the Cloud, Congregate Wisdom—The 2020 CJAR Summer Research Workshop, 16-17 July 2020

The online 2020 China Journal of Accounting Research (CJAR) Summer Research Workshop, co-organized by CityU and Sun Yat-sen University, was successfully held on 16-17 July 2020. Over 300 accounting scholars from China and overseas institutions participated in this virtual workshop.

CJAR Associate Editor, Professor Xijia Su of China Europe International Business School, kicked off the workshop and hosted the opening ceremony. In his opening remarks, Professor Jeong-Bon Kim, CJAR Chief Editor and Head of CityU's Department of Accountancy, warmly welcomed the participants and presented his thoughts on the usefulness of non-financial information in the credit market. Then, Professor Minghai Wei, CJAR Editor-in-Chief and Professor at Sun Yat-sen University, warmly welcomed the participants and wished the workshop great success.

For the keynote speech, we were grateful to welcome Professor Bohui Zhang from The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, and Professor Yongxiang Wang from the USC Marshall School of Business. Professor Bohui Zhang shared his latest research in financial technology, specifically on "Digital Footprint as Collateral for Debt Collection." Afterward, Professor Yongxiang Wang delivered his keynote speech on "Economics, Accounting and Finance Research in the Chinese Context: Some Reflections." He summarized current research trends in Chinese studies and discussed how to evaluate the significance of a research idea. Finally, he discussed his 10 years of research on Chinese issues. The fascinating keynote speech session was rich in content.

During the one and a half day workshop, 10 high quality papers were presented in four sessions, each session being hosted by a moderator. We thank the presenting scholars from Fudan University, Chongqing University, Wuhan University, Shihezi University, Xiamen University, Central University of Finance and Economics, Peking University, the Guilin University of Electronic Technology, Tianjin University, and the Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics. The papers covered broad and different themes, including executive compensation policies, information efficiency in the capital market, financialization, corporate tax avoidance, and family firms and innovation. Following each presentation, a designated discussant (senior researcher) provided constructive comments and suggestions on academic contributions, research design, and empirical methodology. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to each moderator and discussant for making our workshop fruitful and memorable. The lists of moderators and discussants are provided below.

Moderators:

- Prof. Fang Liu (Xiamen University)
- Prof. Donghua Chen (Nanjing University)
- Prof. Donghui Wu (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- Prof. Junsheng Zhang (Sun Yat-sen University)

Discussants:

- Dr. Wenfeng Wang (City University of Hong Kong)
- Dr. Junxiong Fang (Fudan University)
- Prof. Yunsen Chen (Central University of Finance and Economics)
- Prof. Pingui Rao (Jinan University)
- Prof. Xinshu Mao (Beijing Technology and Business University)
- Prof. Yangyang Chen (City University of Hong Kong)
- Dr. Hang Liu (Dongbei University of Finance and Economics)
- Dr. Chenkai Ni (Fudan University)
- Prof. Yue Pan (Xiamen University)
- Dr. Minggui Yu (Zhongnan University of Economics and Law)

Finally, representing the CJAR Editorial Board, Dr. Zhang Junsheng of Sun Yat-Sen University, sincerely thanked the keynote speakers, Professor Bohui Zhang and Professor Yongxiang Wang, and all the paper presenters, discussants, and participants. Dr. Zhang Junsheng cordially invited all the participants to join the upcoming CJAR-JAPP joint conference in November 2020.

