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Prof. Chih C. Chao is Vice President of Tunghai University (THU), Taichung, Taiwan. Founded in 1955 by United Board of Christian Higher Education in Asia, THU is a liberal-arts based and sustainability oriented university, dedicated to providing a comprehensive education and research environment to enable a proactive contribution to the global society. Trained as a chemical and environmental engineer, Dr. Chao has a grave concern over the social and environmental impacts that are caused by un-thoughtful economic activities. Recently, he has worked extensively with natural and social scientists to search for and implement feasible approaches that will lead to establishment of sustainable low-carbon circular economic systems.

Prior to THU, Dr. Chao has 39 years' teaching, research, consulting and industrial experiences in North America, EU and Asia, covering a wide spectrum of sustainability driven issues, such as: green technology development and application, integrated waste/resource management, value-added waste/resource recycling, cleaner production, eco-industrial network development and implementation, cross-disciplinary global research, etc.

Dr. Chao is active in multi-national research and professional collaborations, in the capacity of association president, committee chair and task force leader, aiming to facilitate activities of information exchange, personnel training, experience sharing, and research cooperation.