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## Research by Chinese American organization will shed light on race and ethnicity in science and research, as racial profiling restrict the scientific competitiveness of America

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On June, 23, Committee of 100, the New York-based organization of prominent Chinese Americans, announced a new joint-research project with the University of Arizona, which is designed to understand how research and academics have been affected by the limitations that the U.S. government has placed on international exchange with China, with special focus on the impact on professors and researchers who are of Chinese descent, namely “China Initiative.”

“Scientific and technological advancements have underpinned the success of America, much of it owing to the world class talents who have come from abroad and the promotion of international exchange of ideas and knowledge,” said Zheng Yu Huang, President of Committee of 100. “The restrictions and fear mongering of recent years imposed on international exchange with China have sent a chill amongst American scientists and researchers, in particular targeting those of Chinese descent. Our hope is that this much needed research sheds light on race and ethnicity in science and research within the new global climate. We look forward to seeing the results and understanding how we may use them to advance understanding of the impact of government policy and regulation on the scientific competitiveness of America.”

Along with Committee of 100, the study is being co-led by Professor Jenny J. Lee, faculty member of the Center for the Study of Higher Education in the University of Arizona College of Education. The survey and data gathering is being conducted throughout the summer and the results of the study will look to be announced in the fall of this year. According to Professor Jenny Lee, findings and conclusions will be based on the large sampling of scientists and researchers surveyed for this particular topic to help draw a better understanding of the possible

ramifications of government actions, and in particular scrutiny directed at scientists of Chinese or Asian descent.

Professor Zhuo (Adam) Chen from University of Georgia, who is on the academic advisory group for the project, said that selective enforcement is discriminative and stressful for an important component of science and education workforce which hurts American competitiveness and hopes that the research can help shed some light on solutions to this ongoing challenge. (END)