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## **Jackson Laboratory's Edison Liu Is Keynote at 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Academy**

Rocky Hill, CT — This year's keynote address at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE), will be a conversation with Edison T. Liu, president & CEO of The Jackson Laboratory, hosted by the Hartford Courant's Dan Haar. The event takes place Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell. Dr. Liu is a member of CASE.

Liu is an international leader in cancer biology, genomics, human genetics and molecular epidemiology. He is the founding executive director of the Genome Institute of Singapore, building it in less than 10 years from a staff of three into a major research institute of 27 laboratory groups and a staff of 270.

Before being tapped to lead Singapore's Genome Institute, Liu was with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1987 to 1996, where he rose to full professor directing the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center's Specialized Program of Research Excellence in Breast Cancer. He was also the director of the Laboratory of Molecular Epidemiology at UNC's School of Public Health, chief of medical genetics, and chair of the Correlative Science Committee of the national cooperative clinical trials group, CALGB. At UNC, Liu held faculty positions in the departments of medicine, epidemiology, biochemistry and biophysics, and in the curriculum in genetics. Prior to UNC, Liu was at the University of California, San Francisco.

Born in Hong Kong in 1952, Liu earned his BS in chemistry and psychology, as well as his MD, at Stanford University. He served his internship and residency at Washington University's Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, followed by an oncology fellowship at Stanford.

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