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Notice for the Fourth World Academicians' Forum on Advanced Science and Technology

Distinguished Experts and Scholars,

To bring together the world's finest minds and ideas — advancing the convergence of top-tier talent, scientific research, and industrial development, and building a globally influential platform for academic exchange and industry–academia collaboration — Nanjing University and the Association of British Chinese Professors will jointly host the "Fourth World Academicians' Forum on Advanced Science and Technology" (WAFAST 2026) in Suzhou, China, from July 10 to 12, 2026.

Centred on the theme "Advanced Manufacturing and Biomedical Engineering: AI Empowering Future Industries and Health", the forum will convene leading scholars from around the world to share the latest advances and emerging trends in these fields. It will bring together academicians and distinguished experts from China and abroad — including Academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Engineering and Fellows of the Royal Academy of Engineering of the United Kingdom — for high-level exchange in Suzhou and at Nanjing University. Through the sharing of outstanding scientific achievements and high-level talent exchange, the forum seeks to advance cross-border academic collaboration, cooperative innovation, and the translation of research into practical application; to strengthen openness, trust, and cooperation within the international scientific community; and to foster greater original innovation and breakthroughs in core and critical technologies, contributing to the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. Leaders, experts, and researchers from research institutes,

universities, and high-tech enterprises worldwide are warmly invited to take part.

The details of the forum are as follows:

I. Forum Theme and Topics

Theme: Advanced Manufacturing and Biomedical Engineering — AI Empowering Future Industries and Health

Topics:

1. Advanced Manufacturing (intelligent robotics, advanced structural manufacturing, advanced materials, electronic devices, and new energy)
2. Biomedical Engineering (biomaterials, high-end medical devices, intelligent diagnosis and treatment, regenerative medicine, and other engineering–medicine crossover areas)

Expected Participants:

1. Academicians and Experts from China, the United Kingdom, and Other Nations
2. Scholars from China and Abroad
3. Delegates from Provincial, Municipal, and District-Level Departments of Education, Talent Development, and Science and Technology
4. Representatives of Relevant Industries and Corporations
5. Other Esteemed Participants

II. Forum Schedule

July 10th, 2026 (Friday) Afternoon: Suzhou Roundtable for International Scientists

July 11th, 2026 (Saturday) Morning: Tour of Industrial R&D Centres to Explore Collaborative Opportunities

Afternoon: Theme Sessions (Parallel): Advanced Manufacturing / Biomedical Engineering

July 12th, 2026 (Sunday) Morning: Addresses and Appointment Ceremony; Keynote Speeches

Afternoon: Departure

III. Forum Logistics

Registration Time: All day on July 10, 2026

Registration Location: Centre for International Academic Exchange, Nanjing University Suzhou Campus (No. 1520 Taihu Avenue, Huqiu District, Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China)

Forum Dates: July 10th to 12th, 2026

Fees: Participants are responsible for their own accommodation, meals, and

transportation expenses.

IV. Contact Information

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Please submit the Confirmation of Attendance through the Forum website before July 8, 2026. For any matters not covered, please consult the contact person.

WAFAST 2026 Organising Committee
June 29, 2026

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