



Biography of Dr. Zhengrong Shi

Dr. Zhengrong Shi is Suntech's founder, chairman of the board of directors and chief executive officer. Prior to founding Suntech in 2001, he was a research director and executive director of Pacific Solar Pty., Ltd., an Australian PV company engaged in the commercialization of next-generation thin film technology. From 1992 to 1995, he was a senior research scientist and the leader of the Thin Film Solar Cells Research Group in the Centre of Excellence for Photovoltaic Engineering at the University of New South Wales in Australia.

Dr. Shi holds 11 patents in PV technologies and has published a number of articles and papers in PV-related scientific magazines and at conferences. Dr. Shi received a bachelor's degree in optical science from Chang Chun University of Science and Technology in China in 1983, a master's degree in laser physics from the Shanghai Institute of Optics and Fine Mechanics, the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 1986, and a Ph.D in electrical engineering from the University of New South Wales in Australia in 1992.

Awards and Milestones

January 2009 – Fortune Magazine Asia Businessman of the Year

July 2008 – Dr. Shi was named the winner of the Banksia International Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to environmental protection initiatives and environmental awareness. The Banksia International Award was created by the Banksia Environmental Foundation in 1995 and is the highest accolade Australia confers to an individual for environmental achievement in the global arena.

December 2007 – Dr. Shi was named one of China's Green Persons of the Year 2007 for his outstanding contribution to environmental protection initiatives and environmental awareness within China.

October 2007 – Dr. Shi was named one of TIME magazine's 2007 "Heroes of the Environment".

September 2007 – Dr. Shi was awarded selected as the Corporate Citizen of the Year for his contribution to the development of the solar industry at the China Business Leaders Awards

August 2006 – Dr. Shi was appointed as member of advisory board of NYSE.

May 2006 – Dr. Shi was awarded the "Best Entrepreneur Prize" by the Southern California Asian Society.

October 2005 – Dr Shi was awarded the "PV-SEC Prize" at the International Photovoltaic Science and Engineering Conference in recognition of Dr. Shi's contribution to the international PV industry.