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## **China *You Be The Chemist* Challenge Winners Announced**

*More than 1,300 students competed in teams across the country*

ARLINGTON, VA – The Chemical Educational Foundation® (CEF) today announced the winning teams of the *China You Be The Chemist* Challenge®.

The Challenge is a team-based competition where students explore science concepts related to real-world issues. This is the first year the Challenge program was offered in China.

The winning team at the 7th-8th grade level was a combined team from Shanghai Starriver Bilingual School and Kang Chiao International School East China Campus. The winning team at the 5th-6th grade level was Lanzhou Country Garden School.

Dow and Univar Solutions sponsored the 2019-2020 *China You Be The Chemist* Challenge®.

“As a values based and purpose driven company, Univar Solutions is pleased for the opportunity to advance STEM education through our support for CEF’s *You Be The Chemist* Challenge,” said Myron Li, General Manager, China and Southeast Asia for Univar Solutions. “We are honored to collaborate with organizations as fully committed as we are to advancing STEM education at every level of a student’s development.”

“Now more than ever, we are seeing the power of chemistry making positive impacts around the world,” said Meredith Morris, Global Education Leader, Dow. “We are excited to see the Challenge strategy evolve to reach youth in China, and pivot to a new virtual model. It is critical that we continue to cultivate the next generation of STEM innovators around the world.”

Teams from 49 schools across China participated in the Challenge this year. Approximately 275 students qualified for and participated in the culminating regional event this weekend, with teams competing virtually to answer questions related to science and chemistry concepts.

“We are thrilled to bring our Challenge program to China, inspiring students to work together to tackle global issues,” said CEF Executive Director Dwayne Sattler. “Sparking interest in science is one of our main goals at CEF, and we are excited to expand our work with Dow and Univar Solutions to bring that excitement to students in China.”

CEF is a nonprofit foundation dedicated to building the excitement and value of chemistry and STEM-related careers with K-8 students through accessible science programs. Its *You Be The Chemist* programs are designed to inspire students, engage educators, and strengthen communities to build a better world through the science of chemistry. For more information on the Challenge and other *You Be The Chemist* programs, please visit [www.chemed.org](http://www.chemed.org).