

The use of Natural Language Processing (NLP) technologies is growing at a rapid pace driven by the tremendous demand for use of AI in various applications and markets. Because of the opportunities and challenges presented by new technologies, like deep learning, buttressed by the array of big data readily available for various [NLP](#) tasks, NLP is undergoing the most rapid development period in its existence, resulting in exponential improvements in methodologies and applications, such as MT, QnA and Chatbot. ACL, as the world premier NLP association, has played a pinnacle role in cultivating the talents of young students and researchers, driving progress and connecting academic research with industry applications.

While ACL has made enormous contributions to the promotion of NLP research worldwide, it still has a great amount potential to be a catalyst for bigger initiatives in the future. In the last three decades, I have had the privilege of witnessing the progress of NLP in China and around the world, contributing to many impactful NLP activities in China, Japan, and the US and overseeing collaborations on groundbreaking research among universities in Asia-Pacific region. I am proud of all that ACL has achieved, and look forward to continuing this progress with other colleagues to advance ACL in all aspects. If I am elected as vice president, I will focus on the following goals:

1. Call for contributions in conducting professional evaluations of important technologies such as neural machine translation, QnA and dialogues systems. The history of SMT demonstrates that large scale evaluation is an effective way to improve technologies.
2. Encouraging people from academia and industry to build large scale data sets for important tasks and make such data readily available to the public.
3. Improving diversity and inclusion including but not limited to: encouraging the development of less resourced languages and minority languages, supporting non-traditional research methods, inviting keynote speakers from non-English speaking countries, and increasing ACL membership in under-developing countries.
4. Strengthening the collaboration between ACL and NLP associations of various nations and regions, such as in the coordination of joint workshops and summer training programs for students. By focusing on these initiatives, I am confident that the impact of ACL will grow rapidly in these nations and regions.