Shenzhen is the most dynamic city in China. It has grown out of a small fishing village, across from Hong Kong, 35 years ago to become a modern high-tech city with an economic size surpassing that of Hong Kong. SUSTech, fully funded by the city, has enjoyed a phenomenal growth since its inception seven years ago. Almost all faculty members in this new university had multiple years of teaching and research experiences in top universities outside of China, and with a large percentage of them had tenured positions in the West. As an encouraging indicator, albeit non-scientific, the Times Higher Education ranked SUSTech, at only seven years of age, as one of the top eight universities in China this year. The student quality at SUSTech is among the highest in China.