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Keiretsu Forum establishes Beijing chapter

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Keiretsu Forum, the Bay Area angel-investor network, said Monday that it created a chapter in Beijing, signaling the growth of angel investing around the globe.

A delegation of Keiretsu Forum members traveled to China to attend the new chapter's opening ceremonies and inaugural meeting, which is headed by Keiretsu Forum Beijing chapter co-presidents Jenny Shi, Hal Lemmon and James Shi.

Three companies made presentations at the Keiretsu Forum Beijing's inaugural session, including QB International LLC, a Larkspur tech company.

Matthew Le Merle, co-president of Keiretsu Forum's San Francisco chapter, gave a presentation on angel investing at a conference hosted by China's National Development and Recovery Commission prior to the Keiretsu Forum Beijing meeting.

Keiretsu Forum is the largest North American angel network with 10 chapters and 500 accredited investor members. The organization's three Bay Area chapters have about 300 members.

Since its founding in September 2000, Keiretsu members have invested \$70 million in 120 companies in technology, health care/life sciences, consumer products, real estate and other industries with high-growth potential.

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