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Huang Ming “the Solar King of China” Speaks at American Renewable Energy Day

*Ming founded China’s largest solar thermal product manufacturer/
launched one of the biggest solar city projects in the world.*

Snowmass Village, Colo... Huang Ming, founder and CEO of [Himin Solar Company Ltd](http://HiminSolarCompanyLtd.com), and the person who launched [one of the world’s largest solar city projects](#), will speak at this year’s American Renewable Energy Day (AREDAY) Summit in Snowmass Village, Colorado, August 8-13. The theme of this year’s Summit is “Racing Climate Change: Green Bridge with China, The Road to Paris.”

Ming will discuss his work during an armchair conversation with Sally Ranney, President of the American Renewable Energy Institute (AREI), on the topic, “The View from China: Business to Business.” The two will talk about the role China and the USA, as the world’s two largest economies, play in leading other countries toward implementing a low carbon economy. “Since China and the USA emit one-half of the world’s greenhouse gases, it is critical that the two countries come together. Without it, the rest of the world will not move,” says AREI Founder and Chairman Chip Comins. That talk will take place on August 10 at the AREDAY Summit.

Ming is among the world’s leaders in solar thermal energy. He played a central role in the passing of China’s Renewable Energy Act of 2005, which resulted in China’s government imposing a national renewable energy requirement that was expected to boost the use of renewable energy capacity by up to 10 percent by the year 2020.

A former engineer for the oil industry, Ming saw the field as a dead end. When his daughter was born, he made a life-changing decision. “I realized that my work, until the end of my life, would have no meaning because the oil would run out,” Huang says. “I felt guilty that my job was to accelerate the exploration of oil. After she was born, I worried about there being no blue sky for her to see, so I changed my thinking from oil to solar power.” Ming went on to create Himin Solar – the largest solar thermal product manufacturing company in China. In 2007, the company employed 60,000 people.

Himin Solar’s uniqueness is not just in technology innovation and affordability of its products, but in its massive application and demonstration in Dezhou’s Solar City – one of the world’s largest solar city development projects. The plans for the project were launched by Himin Solar Energy, whose headquarters is located at the Sun-Moon Mansion, the largest solar-powered office building in the world.

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China hopes the clean technology hub will rival California’s Silicon Valley. Solar City includes three vacuum tube factories, three water heater factories, an office and hotel complex, a solar university, a sports and entertainment complex, parks and apartments. It is meant to bring together developers, city planners, school directors, and community leaders to set a nationwide and global example of solar power as a viable solution. It receives 1500-4000 visitors per day.

Ming won a [Right Livelihood Honorary Award](#) in 2011 "for his outstanding success in the development and mass-deployment of cutting-edge technologies for harnessing solar energy, thereby showing how emerging economies can contribute to resolving the global crisis of anthropogenic climate change." It was the first time a Chinese entrepreneur had ever won the award.

AREI’s Comins says, “We invited Ming to join the AREDAY Summit because he is walking his talk, having created the world’s leading renewable energy, science and technology R&D facility.”

This year's [AREDAY Summit](#) will again convene thought leaders and change agents from a myriad of sectors. Their discussions will revolve around the urgency of creating climate change solutions and implementing practices that are in keeping with President Obama’s call to action in his 2015 State of the Union speech where he noted, “The Pentagon says that climate change poses immediate risks to our national security. We should act like it.”

“Some may say the AREDAY Summit is preaching to the converted but it is more like a retreat where the converted talk to each other to share cross-sector and get new ideas. Being in the mountains helps us to detach from the Londons, New Yorks and Parises of the world for a few days,” according to Michael Eckhart, Managing Director and Global Head of Environmental Finance and Sustainability at Citigroup in New York City and a repeat speaker at AREDAY.

About AREDAY – The AREDAY Summit is a program of the American Renewable Energy Institute (AREI). It takes place August 8-13 in Snowmass, Colo with headquarters at the Westin Resort. The agenda includes a multi-day speaker series, a film festival and an outdoor expo of environmental products and services. AREDAY offers attendees the opportunity to engage with clean energy world leaders from the public and private sectors, including the fields of finance, politics, solar, wind, biofuels, geothermal and leading-edge energy technologies. An estimated 300 tickets will be available for the Summit. They can be purchased on the [registration page](#) of the AREDAY website, or through the Wheeler Box Office in Aspen at 970-920-5770. For more information, visit [AREDAY.net](#)

About AREI - The American Renewable Energy Institute (AREI) is a registered 501(c)(3) organization based in Colorado’s Roaring Fork Valley. Focused on fostering actionable solutions around climate change, its programs emphasize the “**Five E’s**” – **Energy, Environment, Economy, Education and Employment** – which run as threads throughout the organization’s core initiatives. These include the annual **AREDAY Summit** and Speaker Series, [American Climate & Education Literacy Initiative](#) (ACELI), [RENEW program](#), and [Start-Up Green](#). For additional information: [AREDAY.net](#)

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