

Date: August 25, 2007

From: Yiban Xu

Subject: My views on Professor Rusi Taleyarkhan as my Mentor

To: Whom it may concern

I am Yiban Xu. I have been at Purdue for eleven years as a graduate student and now as a post-doc research scientist. Before I came to Purdue, I had been a faculty member at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China for nine years. During my career time, I have learned from and worked with professors, researchers as well as scientists at different levels. I also have chances of working as a mentor and advisor with students

I have known and worked under the direction of Prof. Taleyarkhan as my mentor since 2004 as a post-doc research associate. My duty includes laboratory management, supervision and conducting sponsored research activities.

Per my observation and experiences I have found the mentorship of Prof. Taleyarkhan to be very helpful and at a very high level. He always looks into things positively and creatively. An example he often uses is the perspective of a half bottle of water. Another example he uses to encourage us is that it is very easy to do something wrong and it is difficult to do something always right. Don't be fear to fail. A failure in one situation may be opportunities for other situations.

In my opinion, Prof. Taleyarkhan has proven to be a professor with generous, kind, understanding, upholding high ethical, characteristics and a champion of free thinking and expression.

In conclusion, I would enthusiastically recommend the opportunity to receive guidance and conduct research under Prof. Taleyarkhan's care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yiban Xu', written in a cursive style.

Yiban Xu