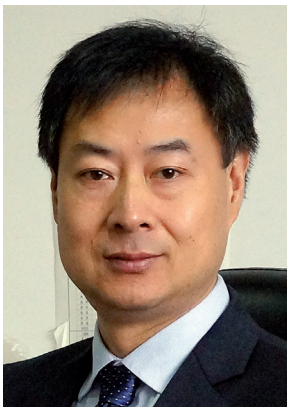

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My favorite saying is … "Where there's a will, there's a way".

My favorite drink is … green tea.

If I could be any age I would be … seven. I would only be in first grade and have no cares, but instead only have fun all the time.

My biggest inspiration is … my son, who is so full of kindness and love, and makes me strive to better myself physically and spiritually.

My favorite time of day is … morning because I know I have the whole day to finish my work!

I admire … people who do more and talk less.

I advise my students to … study efficiently, work hard, and help each other.

If I could be a piece of lab equipment, I would be … a round-bottom flask.

The most important thing I learned from my students is … that nobody has never made a mistake.

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