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Dr CHEN is currently Partner and Director of Frontend Engineering at Agora (NASDAQ: API), a pioneer in global Real-time Engagement (RTE).

He spent 8 years with EE department at CityU for his BEng, MPhil and PhD study. During his research study, he got inspired by his Advisor Dr. C F Stanley Chan and Prof. H C So, focusing on

audio/speech signal processing related topics. The relevance of expertise and mentality nurtured in his research study later gave him an opportunity to enter the Internet industry as an audio/speech research engineer at YY Inc. (NASDAQ: YY). One year later, he joined a startup named Agora with few people and started a journey of entrepreneurship since then. With more than 6 years consistent efforts, Agora was listed in NASDAQ in June 2020, having more than 700 employees around the globe.

Look in retrospective, the opportunities to work closely with the industry in CityU EE (e.g., the Industrial Attachment Scheme) made him understand the importance of practicability in R&D work. The open and top-tier academic environment had him stayed focused and provided a solid foundation for his future development. Days and nights spent in Tat Chee Avenue will always be cherished, and every step made in the past will definitely pay off someday in some ways. Let's dream big and work extremely hard to make our dream come true.