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Abstract:

This dissertation investigates the historical role and current condition of Chinese Science Associations (CSAs) in the innovation ecosystem. In the first essay, the role of CSAs in the Twentieth Century is reviewed to understand their rationality, development path, relationship with the government, and impacts on science and innovation process in contemporary China. In the second essay, the determinants of CSAs' participation in innovation governance are interpreted in an empirical way. Multiple perspectives from both organizational and individual level are integrated to explain CSAs' performance systematically. In the third essay, CSAs' strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and

challenges are analyzed quantitatively to support their strategic formulation. A balance between serving for their members and for the public is discussed.

This qualifying report is also the first chapter of the dissertation and comprises four parts. The first part is an introduction of the topic. The second reviews the existing literature on CSAs and the third sector, and presents major theories used in the three essays. The third part discusses the methodology of the study, including data collection and data analysis. The final part is the chapter outline of the dissertation.