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China's number of conference proceedings and journal articles related to integrated photonics is consistently the highest in Asia and second only to the United States.

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Ulrich T. Schwarz and Wolfgang G. Scheibenzuber



COVER: Andrew Poon's research group and colleagues stand in front of the National Stadium in Beijing. They are (left to right) Cathy H. Cai, Ting Lei, Andrew W. Poon, Shaoqi Feng, Jonathan Y.H. Lee, Stanley M.G. Lo and Hui Chen. Courtesy of Andrew Poon.

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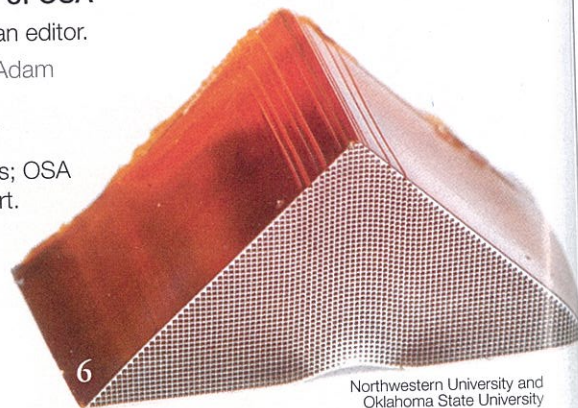
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