



## Washington, D.C. Auto Show President Calls for New Global Autonomous Driving Standards Organization

- Washington, D.C. Auto Show President John O'Donnell Calls for Creation of Global Autonomous Vehicles Engineering Organization - GAVEO
- Need for GAVEO Clear and Urgent says O'Donnell
- Proposal Made at China-U.S. Auto Summit

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**BEIJING, April 24, 2018** -- [Washington, D.C. Auto Show](#) President and Chief Executive Officer John O'Donnell, in a speech today in Beijing, highlighted the lack of meaningful standards for autonomous vehicles and proposed the creation of a worldwide advocacy group comprised of members from six major auto making countries. He recommended the group be named the Global Autonomous Vehicle Engineering Organization, or GAVEO (pronounced gah-vay-oh) which would create and promote the use of a single set of engineering standards to be used by autonomous vehicle manufacturers worldwide.

Speaking at the China-U.S. Automotive Summit held today in Beijing before the Beijing Motor Show, O'Donnell said the lack of consistent standards has hampered development and that immediate action is needed to ensure that self-driving technology moves forward both safely and quickly around the world.

"The time for GAVEO is now, while the autonomous industry is still in its relative infancy," O'Donnell said. "Standardization will make vehicles safer and greatly benefit the consumers who will eventually buy, own and operate self-driving vehicles, while creating stability for automakers, technology companies, and government leaders around the world," he told the conference.

O'Donnell said the organization should include a multinational board of engineers from countries where major automakers are headquartered including China, Germany, India, Japan, South Korea, the United Kingdom, and the United States, with the mission of creating a single set of engineering standards for autonomous vehicles worldwide. Countries could then use the standards to create regulations appropriate to their requirements.

O'Donnell noted that such global organizations are common in other areas of technology to create worldwide standards.

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