

Dr. Tze-Chung Li

Recipient of CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award
in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung

With great pleasure, the Ad Hoc Committee for the CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung announces the selection of Dr. Tze-Chung Li, CALA's founder, an outstanding leader in library education and a visionary library administrator as the recipient for the 2013 CALA Outstanding Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung. The selection was officially approved unanimously by CALA Board at its special meeting on April 12, 2013.

The award together with a \$1000 check will be presented to Dr. Li at the 2013 CALA Annual Awards Banquet which will be held at Cai Fine Dining and Banquet, 2100 S. Archer Ave, Chicago, IL 60616 on June 30, 2013 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Li is one of the earliest Chinese American pioneers in library science education in the U.S. who has played a truly outstanding leadership role as a scholar, teacher, lawyer, writer, former Dean of Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University in Illinois, and former Director of the National Central Library in Taiwan. His broad and profound knowledge across many fields is shown in the number of academic degrees he had completed including a Ph.D. from the New School for Social Research in 1963; a M.L.S. Degree from Columbia University Graduate School of Library Service in 1963; a L.L.M. Degree from Harvard University Law School in 1958; a M.C.L. Degree from Southern Methodist University in 1957; and a L.L.B. Degree. *cum laude*, from Soochow University Comparative Law School of China in 1948.

In his early career in Taiwan, Dr. Li held many important government appointments including being a judge, an official in the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of National Defense, the Examination Commissioner in the Examination Yuan, and the Director of the National Central Library. After immigrating to the U.S. and completing advanced graduate studies, he taught and lectured at numerous U.S. and international universities and has made significant accomplishments in the field of library and information education as well as becoming an undisputed leader in librarianship among Chinese American librarians. Dr. Li was the first Chinese American scholar who became the Dean of a library school in this country. He is also a prolific writer who has edited and published more than 20 books and authored some 100 articles, translations, and book reviews in the fields of library and information science, law, land reform and political science. Among his books in library science are *A Guide to Chinese Reference Sources* (co-authored with his wife, In-Lan Wang, 1972), *An Introduction to Online Searching* (Greenwood Press, 1985), and *Social Science Reference Sources* (Greenwood Press, 1980, 1990, and 2000). All these are popular textbooks in library schools. In addition to his own publications, Dr. Li was the founding editor of CALA's *Journal of Library and Information Science* and a member of the advisory board for the *Journal of Information, Communication and Library Science*. Dr. Li also helped create several professional journals and series, including the *International Journal of Reviews in library and Information Science* (now *World Libraries*) and *Guide to Asian Librarianship Series* (Greenwood Press). Among his numerous accomplishments, the founding of the Chinese American Librarians Association was a notable achievement. His

tireless effort in promoting library education and Chinese American librarianship has won him great honors, including the Dominican University Elise O. and Philip D. Sang Award for Excellence in Teaching and the CALA Distinguished Service Award.

In addition to his professional activities in the U.S., Dr. Li is very active in international teaching and research. He has been invited to be the visiting professor of National Taiwan University, Peking University, East China Normal University, Zhejiang University and Suzhou University. He is also an honorary professor of Jiangxi University. No matter at home or abroad his tireless teaching effort and well-prepared lectures always received high evaluations from his students. He is widely recognized as "ardent, trustworthy and erudite Dr. Tze-chung Li". In recognition of his long-standing commitment to the University and his distinguished career, when Dr. Li announced his retirement in January 2000, Dominican University named him Dean and Professor Emeritus. Again, in 2011, Dominican University awarded him the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree in recognition of his lifelong contributions and achievements in librarianship.

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