

# 美東華人學術聯誼會

*Chinese American Academic & Professional Society (CAAPS)*

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## **A Brief Introduction of CAAPS**

**Chinese American Academic & Professional Society (CAAPS)** was established in 1976 in New York City. Over the years, CAAPS has become one of the largest Chinese American academic organizations in the United States. Members are from academia and various professions with a broad range of advanced skills and knowledge. CAAPS is a registered 501(C)(3) not-for-profit and nonpolitical organization with the main purposes of (A) promoting fellowship and cooperation in scholarly and professional activities, as well as encouraging and supporting educational undertakings conducive to the interests, concerns and well-being of its membership; (B) encouraging and facilitating the exchange, enhancement, and application of the skills and expertise of its membership in the interest of advancing scientific knowledge, social and human values; and (C) encouraging and promoting cultural understanding and communications among Chinese Americans in general, and with other ethnic groups in American and Chinese Communities elsewhere.

CAAPS hosts its annual convention every year, regularly organizes a variety of scientific, technological, and cultural seminars, and constantly participates in other activities related to its goals. For more information about CAAPS's upcoming and previous activities, please visit the website of CAAPS at <http://www.caaps.us>.

Honorable guests, invited speakers, and accomplishment award recipients in the prior CAAPS Conventions include many well-known academic and professional elites, such as *Sun Yun-suan, Lee Huan, Anna Chennault, Michael Kau, Lien Chan, Ma Ying-jeou, Chien-Shiung Wu, Yu Ying-shih, Cho-yun Hsu, Cho-Liang Lin, Shien Biau Woo, David Da-i Ho, Samuel Chao Chung Ting, Daniel Chee Tsui, Paul Ching-Wu Chu, Henry Chang-Yu Lee, John Liu, Peter Koo Elaine Lan Chao, Liu Chao-shiuan, and Jentung Ku*. Their short biographies in chronological order are provided as follows:

**1976, Sun Yun-suan (孫運璿)** was Minister of Economic Affairs from 1969 to 1978 and Premier of the Republic of China from 1978 to 1984. He was credited for overseeing the transformation of Taiwan from being a mainly agricultural economy to an export powerhouse.

**1976, Lee Huan (李煥)** was Premier of the Republic of China from 1989 to 1990.

**1980, Anna Chennault (陳香梅)** is the widow of World War II aviation hero Claire Lee Chennault. She was an active member of the Republican Party of the US.

**1981, Chien-Shiung Wu (吳健雄)** was a Chinese-American physicist with an expertise in the techniques of experimental physics and radioactivity. She performed very early experiments that contradicted the hypothetical "Law of Conservation of Parity." Her honorific nicknames included the "First Lady of Physics."

**1983, Yu Ying-shih (余英時)** is a Chinese American historian. He is an Emeritus Professor of East Asian Studies and History at Princeton University.

**1983, Tingye Li (厲鼎毅)** is a world-renowned scientist in the fields of microwaves, lasers and optical communications. His innovational work at AT&T, which pioneered the research and application of lightwave communication, has had a far-reaching impact on information technology for over four decades.

**1984, Samuel Chao Chung Ting (丁肇中)** is an American physicist who received the Nobel Prize in 1976, with Burton Richter, for discovering the subatomic  $J/\psi$  particle.

**1985, Lien Chan (連戰)** was Vice President of the Republic of China from 1996 to 2000, and was the Chairman of the Kuomintang (KMT) from 2000 to 2005. Lien is currently the Chairman Emeritus of the Kuomintang.

**1985, Shu Chien (錢煦)** is a professor in the Department of Bioengineering at the University of California, San Diego. He is an expert in molecular mechanisms by which mechanical forces modulate signal transduction and gene expression.

**1986, John Jing-han Fei (費景漢)** was a Professor Emeritus of Economics. His five books and over 70 articles influenced the economic policies of many countries. For several decades he actively advised the Taiwan government on economic policy issues. Since retiring from Yale, he had been serving as chair of the board of trustees of the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research in Taipei.

**1987, Paul Ching-Wu Chu (朱經武)** was the President of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology from 2001 to 2009. He currently serves as Professor of Physics and T.L.L. Temple Chair of Science in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at the University of Houston.

**1988, Cho-Liang Lin (林昭亮)** is a Taiwanese American violinist who is renowned for his appearances as a soloist with major orchestras. "Musical America" named him its "Instrumentalist of the Year" in 2000.

**1989, Shien Biau "S.B." Woo (吳仙標)** was a member of the Democratic Party and served as Lieutenant Governor of Delaware.

**1990, Cho-yun Hsu (許綽雲)** is University Professor of History and Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh, and author of *History of Western Chou Civilization* (1988).

**1993, H. T. Kung (孔祥重)** is the William H. Gates Professor of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering at Harvard University. He pioneered the concept of systolic array processing, and has led large research teams on the design and development of novel parallel computers and computer networks.

**1996, Alfred Yi Cho (卓以和)** is the Adjunct Vice President of Semiconductor Research at Alcatel-Lucent's Bell Labs. He is known as the "father of molecular beam epitaxy," a technique he developed at that facility in the late 1960s. He is also the co-inventor, with Federico Capasso of quantum cascade lasers at Bell Labs in 1994.

**1996, Hwa-Nien Yu (虞華年)** is one of the world's leading experts in Semiconductor device technology & VLSI design.

**1996, 1994, Chintay Shih (史欽泰)** is Dean of the College of Technology Management, National Tsing Hua University. From 1994 to 2003, he was President of ITRI, Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), a national research organization that serves to strengthen the technological competitiveness of Taiwan.

**1997, David Da-i Ho (何大一)** is a Taiwanese American AIDS researcher famous for pioneering the use of protease inhibitors in treating HIV-infected patients with his team.

**1998, Henry Chang-Yu Lee (李昌鈺)** is currently the Chief Emeritus for Scientific Services for the State of Connecticut. He is one of the world's foremost forensic scientists.

**1999, Michael Kau (高英茂)** was former deputy foreign minister, is Taipei's representative to the European Union and Belgium.

**2001, Daniel Chee Tsui (崔琦)** is a Chinese-born American physicist. In 1998, along with Horst L. Störmer of Columbia University and Robert Laughlin of Stanford University, Tsui was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for his contributions to the discovery of the fractional quantum Hall effect.

**2002, John Liu (劉醇逸)** was a Councilman of the New York City Council from 2001 to 2007. He won the New York City Comptroller election in 2009, becoming the first Asian American elected to a city-wide office in New York City.

**2003, Peter Koo (顧雅明)** was elected as a Councilman of the New York City Council in November 2009, representing City Council District 20.

**2004, 1995, 1992, Ma Ying-jeou (馬英九)** is the current President of the Republic of China (ROC), and the Chairman of the Kuomintang Party. He formerly served as Justice Minister from 1993 to 1996 and Mayor of Taipei from 1998 to 2006.

**2006, Elaine Lan Chao (趙小蘭)** served as the 24th United States Secretary of Labor in the Cabinet of President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2009. She was the first Asian Pacific American woman to be appointed to a President's cabinet in American history.

**2007, 1988, Liu Chao-shiuan (劉兆玄)** is an educator and a former Premier of the Republic of China. Liu is also former President of Soochow University and also of National Tsing Hua University.

**2008, Jentung Ku (古仁棟)** is a manager of Thermal Laboratory at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. He is an internationally recognized expert in two-phase thermal technology.