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# **National Tsing Hua University will host First Chinese Chancellor of a United Kingdom University Academician Fujia Yang (楊福家院士):**

*This will be the first visit to Taiwan by Chancellor Yang*



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From October 20-27, 2011, Invited by Academician Lih J. Chen (陳力俊校長) President of National Tsing Hua University (NTHU,) Chancellor Fujia Yang of Britain's Nottingham University and former president of Mainland's elite university Fudan University, will have a lecture-giving visit to NTHU.



*Chancellor Fujia Yang of the  
University of Nottingham*

According to Academician Chen *“while I have not met Chancellor Yang before, I am well aware of his enormous reputation from reading his writings about higher education. “*

Academician Chen further elaborated that *“it is no exaggeration that Chancellor Yang is a Renaissance man. First, he is a trail blazer as the first Chinese to become a Chancellor of a United Kingdom university, a country that has 800 years of higher education history. Second, as president of one of China’s best universities, Fudan University, he launched a fast globalization processes. Third, he is a strong voice for modernizing China’s higher education today. Fourth, together with Academicians Fang Shou-Xian (方守賢,) Xian Ding-Chang (洗鼎昌) and Chen Sen-Yu (陳森玉,) Yang were the architect of a state-of-the-art synchrotron facility for Shanghai, thus bringing this world renowned business-centric city into the high-tech world.”*

*“Perhaps the most impressive characteristic of Yang,”* elaborated further by Academician Chen, *“is his palpable concern of humanity’s well being. As an important member of the Nuclear Threat Initiative, whose co-chairmen are Cable*

*News Network (CNN) founder Ted Turner and former US Senator Sam Nunn, Yang seeks the mitigation of mankind's nuclear weapons threat.”*

*“As president of one of Taiwan's most prestigious universities, I hope this visit will mark the beginning of a long lasting relationship between Yang and us,”* concluded Chen.

Itineraries of Academician Yang in NTHU and Hsinchu were meticulously coordinated by NTHU's Office of International Affairs. and Hsinchu will include the following activities.

- a. A university-wide public speech on NTHU campus in the morning of the 21<sup>st</sup> of October. The title of the speech is **“Higher Education in Asia: Present and Future.”**
- b. A public speech in the afternoon of the 24<sup>th</sup> of October will be jointly organized by the National Synchrotron Radiation Research Center at the main lecture hall of the Center. The title of the speech is **“The Impact of Ultrahigh (Synchrotron Radiation) Technologies impact on the economy of Shanghai.”**
- c. A university-wide public speech on NTHU campus in the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. The title of the speech is **“An Introduction of British Universities' Administrative Structure.”**
- d. A session with NTHU students in the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. The session is organized by Tsing-Hua College (清華學院.) The session theme is **“The Beauty of Science and the Source of Energy: A Discussion with Tsing Hua University Students.”**

As can be seen from this busy schedule, which was closely and collaboratively designed with Chancellor Yang, it is designed so that NTHU and surrounding communities can have maximum interactions.

In 1979, NTHU's Senior Vice President Da Hsuan Feng overlapped with Chancellor Yang at the Niels Bohr Institute of the University of Copenhagen. Since then, the two have maintained close connection. Reflecting on this friendship of more than thirty years, Feng said: *"I am exhilarated that my friend Fujia has accepted President Chen's invitation to come to visit NTHU. It is gratifying for me that NTHU is the host of his first visit to Taiwan."*

*"With his Global views, his visit,"* concluded Feng, *"could be another paradigm transformation in the mindset of NTHU."*