

The University of Toronto, a leading Canadian university, signs far-reaching Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Tsing Hua University



Lih J. Chen and David Naylor



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On the March 15, 2012, one of Canada's top research universities and a member of the prestigious American Association of Universities (AAU,) the University of Toronto (UoT,) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the National Tsing Hua University (NTHU.) The MoU outlines a robust and profound program of interactions between these two universities, from multi-dimensional research collaborations to student's exchange, and beyond.

Representing UoT to sign this agreement is Dr. David Naylor, President of UoT and representing NTHU is President (Academician) Lih J. Chen.

Two distinguished faculty members from UoT, Professors Peter Lewis, and Stewart Aitchison, who are Associate Vice President for Research and Vice Dean of Engineering and Applied Science, respectively, Professor Da Hsuan Feng, Senior Vice President for Global Strategy, Planning and Evaluation from NTHU and Mr. Allan Edwards, Ms. Erin Davidge and Ms. Sylvia Shih from the Canadian Trade Office in Taipei were present at the signing ceremony.

"National Tsing Hua University and the University of Toronto have had long and deep relationship," said Dr. Lih J. Chen. *"In fact, one of our most*

distinguished alumni, Nobel laureate Yuan T. Lee was a co-winner with Professor John C. Polanyi of the University of Toronto. In addition, a former president of NTHU who later became Prime Minister of the country, Dr. Chao Shiuan Liu, also received his doctorate from UoT,” according to Dr. Chen.

Chen further said that “*we hope that with this MoU, it can become a platform to stimulate new levels of intellectual stimulations for both universities.*”

Although this is the first visit to Taiwan in general and NTHU in particular for Dr. Naylor, the region is no stranger to him. He said that “*although Toronto is some 15,000 miles from Taiwan, the Toronto region has a huge and thriving East Asian community. In fact, for nearly a century, the University of Toronto has intellectually and culturally benefitted from its interactions with outstanding Chinese students and scholars from that region of the world .*”

“*I am confident that the signing of this MoU between our two universities will not only facilitate more collaborations in the months and years ahead. It will also contribute to greater cross-cultural understanding – and such understanding is essential for global harmony and prosperity in the 21st century,*” concluded Dr. Naylor.

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