

德重恩宏 心系家國

Dr. Teh-Kuang Chang

September 15, 1925 - January 15th, 2024

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訃告

IN THE CARE OF
Elm Ridge Funeral Home & Memorial Park

Dr. Teh-Kuang Chang 張德光

Dr. Teh-Kuang Chang, 98, distinguished Emeritus Professor of Political Science at Ball State University, departed this world on January 15th, 2024 surrounded by family at Community North Hospital, Indianapolis. His life embodied a remarkable journey of resilience, intellect, and an unwavering commitment to education, diplomacy, and cultural exchange. He carried out his life following the mottoes of 'perseverance' and 'world peace and human harmony'.

Affectionately known as Ted-Kuang, Dr. Chang was born in the small farming community of Changting County, Fujian Province, China, in September 15, 1925. His academic prowess at National Amoy University (Xiamen) and National Taiwan University (Taipei) led him to the U.S. in 1956, where he earned an M.A. from the University of Washington (Seattle) and a Ph.D. from American University (Washington, DC).

In 1966, Dr. Chang became a founding professor in the Department of Political Science at Ball State University, dedicating 54 years to the institution before retiring in 2020. His research focused

on international relations in Asia, Sino-American diplomatic relations, democratization and constitutional development in China, Mongolia, and Tuva. He further helped expand the Department and University's academic horizons by pioneering programs in International Studies, Latin American Studies, African Studies, and Asian Studies; and he was an enthusiastic faculty sponsor of the University's Model United Nations program.

Dr. Chang received numerous fellowships, honors, and grants, including recognition as a Fulbright Professor, as well as "Fifty Years of Excellence in Teaching" and Person of the Year awards from Ball State University. He was honored with a World Congress tribute by the International Political Science Association (IPSA) at the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Research Committee on Asian and Pacific Studies, which he founded and chaired.

Dr. Chang's impact reached the highest echelons of decision-making, serving as an advisor to Presidents and world leaders. Invited by the White House, he provided counsel to President Ronald Reagan during the Cold War, advocating for peaceful strategies to ease tensions between the United States and the Soviet

Union. His wise counsel was also sought by Presidents and leaders of the Republic of China as Taiwan found its way to becoming a vibrant democracy. In Indiana, he also worked closely with then-Governors Otis Bowen and Bob Orr to develop a sister-state relationship between Indiana and Taiwan, and he helped facilitate exchanges between Muncie and Changhua County in Taiwan.

In civic service, Dr. Chang chaired the Education Committee of the Human Rights Commission in Muncie, Indiana. He was a recognized Honorary Ambassador for Goodwill of the State of Indiana and for the City of Muncie.

Dr. Teh-Kuang Chang was preceded in death by his wife Grace Chang, and is survived by his children Angelo (Darlene), Angelin, Angelina (Ronald), Angel, and grandchildren Sabrina, Dylan, Veronica, and Verity.

A funeral service will be held at 1pm Saturday, January 27, 2024, at Elm Ridge Funeral Home, 4600 West Kilgore Avenue, Muncie, Indiana 47303. Family and friends may call from 11am to 1pm. Burial will follow at Elm Ridge Memorial Park.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at: tehkuangchang@gmail.com.



深切悼念張德光先生，他如家人般地關懷伊利華報。緬懷他一生對中美的貢獻！

張德光, 博士、教授。1925年9月15日生於中國福建長汀縣, 長汀一中高中畢業。五十年代于台灣大學, 60年代在美國西雅圖和華盛頓大學政治學院學習、研究, 獲碩士學位, 又獲美國大學國際關係學博士學位。1966年起, 任美國印地安納州立博爾大學政治學系教授, 為該校亞洲研究部的創辦人, 並任國際政治學會亞洲研究委員會主席。

張德光教授曾多次主持國際會議。他的特別著作《聯合國之組織成就與展望》、《柏林四外長會議》、《政治學》、《美國外交政策制定機構之蛻變》, 以及譯著多冊, 撰寫學術論文幾十篇, 在倫敦、紐約、洛杉磯等地著名書刊發表出版。他是國際華人政治研究權威之一。他的才學倍受美國前總統里根的賞識, 1985年美蘇首次在日內瓦舉行高峰會議, 張德光被里根召進白宮商討美蘇會談問題, 為美蘇會談作準備工作。

張德光教授, 由他創辦的國際華人政治研究亞洲部(因為協

會稱國際: 有美洲、歐洲和非洲, 張德光表示既然是國際組織, 也應該有亞洲, 他就是亞太地區創始人), 張德光也是一名著名的國際活動家。他在加拿大、南非等國主持 8-27 共 20 屆國際政治世界大會, 訪問過 90 多個國家, 與各國政要交往深, 為促進國際關係發展和為亞太地區的安全與世界和平作出了不懈努力。還有張德光教授在 2016 年, 被印第安納大學州立博爾大學評定年度人物。

早在 1966 年, 他擔任美國印地安納州立博爾大學 (Ball State University) 政治學系教授, 為該校亞洲研究部的創辦人, 並任國際政治學會亞洲研究委員會主席。當年美國州立大學規定國外教授不能成為終身教授。由於張德光的優秀, 學校一步一步用法律手段讓美國改變了, 所有國家的教授都能成終身教授。

張德光教授擁有一個溫馨的家庭, 妻子張金嫻, 孩子安

麒、安麟、安麗和安驊。每逢假期, 兒女們都會從世界各個角落來看望父母。張德光教授說: "我教我的學生和我的兒女: 恆毅、創新、啓迪。" 這幾個字就是張教授一生最好的描述。

早在 2012 年二月, 張德光與張安麟前往印度, 舉辦南亞國際會議, 父女兩是以國際政治學會亞洲及太平洋研究委員會主席及共同主席的身份前往印度, 參加久德浦市 (Jodhpur) 和哲納維亞斯大學 (Jai Narain Vyas University) 聯合舉辦的國際南亞研究會議, 以討論 "從環球透視南亞: 民主、人權與國家發展。" 為主題, 有來自印度 131 所大學及十多個國家的 500 余位政治學者參加, 提出論文 264 篇, 乃印度學界的盛舉。印度總統特頒賀詞。開幕典禮由印度最高法院法官致歡迎詞, 張德光教授發表主旨演講, 張教授首先指出在人類文明發展史中, 亞洲對哲學與宗教有特殊的貢獻, 由孔子的倫理哲學到甘地的非暴力運動, 促進世界和平發展。

