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CUHK'S PROFESSOR SHU-TING CHANG ELECTED FELLOW OF WAAS

Professor Shu-Ting Chang, Professor and Chairman of the Biology Department and Director of Institute of Science and Technology of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), has recently been elected a Fellow of the World Academy of Art And Science (WAAS), Sweden.

The Fellowship is a particular distinction awarded by invitation only every year to eminent scholars in the natural and social sciences, and in the humanities. Professor Chang is the second WAAS fellow from Hong Kong, the first fellow being Professor Rayson Lisung Huang.

A highly respected scientist renowned for his pioneering work on fungal genetics, Professor Chang is the President of the International Mushroom Society for the Tropics and the Hong Kong representative of the UNESCO Regional Network for Microbiology in Southeast Asia. He was the Executive Secretary of the Headquarters of the Network from 1984 to 1987. At the invitation of the International Cell Research Organization (ICRO) Panel on Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology, Professor Chang organized the Eighth International Conference on Global Impacts of Applied Microbiology (GIAM VIII) held at CUHK in 1988. His three decades of research in edible mushrooms and food protein has given rise to the development of a "Mushroom Science" which has brought significant economic and health benefits to the developing countries in Asia and improved the nutrition and qualtiy of life of their people.

Founded in 1960, WAAS aims at creating a forum for the interchange of knowledge and information among Fellows and acting as a dispassionate advisory body to leading international organisations for the benefit of mankind as a whole. The first President of WAAS was Lord John Boyd Orr and first Vice-President was Herman Joseph Muller, both Nobel Laureates. The present President is Dr Carl Goran-Heden, Sweden, Professor and Chairman of the Biotechnology Group of Karolinska Institute, and Head of the UNESCO Microbiological Research Centre.

The main activities of the Academy include international conferences, academic publications, and award programmes through reviewing the social consequences and policy implications of scienitific and professional knowledge.

Attachment: Picture of Professor Shu-Ting Chang