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Chinese University Graduate Has Top U.S. Dissertation
in Public Administration

Dr Tang Shui Yan, a Chinese University of Hong Kong alumnus, has been awarded the "Leonard D White Award 1990", for the best American doctoral dissertation in public administration. Dr Tang is the first Chinese to take the prize.

The Award is granted annually by the American Political Science Association to the writer of the best American doctoral dissertation in public administration. Dr Tang took the prize for his dissertation entitled "Institutions and Collective Action in Irrigation Systems" completed at Indiana University.

A graduate of the Department of Government and Public Administration at the United College of the Chinese University, Dr Tang completed his undergraduate degree in 1982 and M. Phil in 1984. He then pursued further studies at the Indiana University and obtained his PhD. He is now Assistant Professor at the University of Southern California School of Public Administration in Los Angeles.

He said the message he would like to convey to the students of his alma mater was that a degree from the Chinese University was sufficient for them to be competitive in pursuing further studies in the United States. He also thanked the University for offering him the solid academic training in both theory and research.

According to the award committee, Dr Tang's dissertation has successfully combined sophisticated theorising with empirical detail to explain the real-world consequences and to make use of different ways to solve problems of collective choices. His findings provide valuable lessons for both academic theorists and governments in making policy decisions.

Further to his dissertation, Dr Tang's book Institutions and Collective Action: The Case of Irrigation Systems will be published later this year by the Institute of Contemporary Studies in San Francisco.

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