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PRESTIGIOUS HONOURS FOR CHINESE NOBEL LAUREATE

Professor Chen Ning Yang, Nobel Laureate in Physics and Distinguished Professor-at-Large at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, recently received two prestigious honours from the American and Chinese academic bodies. He has been elected a foreign academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and has also been awarded the Benjamin Franklin Medal by the American Philosophical Society.

A member of the U.S. Academy of Sciences and a foreign member of the Royal Society in U.K., Professor Yang has given staunch support to the development of science and technology in China. He has frequently delivered academic lectures in the country and is a highly respected adviser in the Chinese academic circle.

The Benjamin Franklin Medal, the most prestigious honour of the American Philosophical Society, was presented to Professor Yang in recognition of his tremendous contribution to theoretical physics.

Praised by the Society as the preeminent stylist of twentieth-century physics after Einstein and Dirac, Professor Chen Ning Yang is famed for his discovery with Professor T.D. Lee of parity non-conservation which earned him the Nobel Prize, and the discovery with Robert Mills of non-Abelian gauge fields.

Currently holding the Albert Einstein Professorship of Physics and also the Directorship of the Institute of Theoretical Physics at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Professor Yang has also, in 1986, accepted the appointment of a specially created chair at The Chinese University where he spends 3 to 5 months each year to do teaching and research, as well as provide leadership for the cause of general academic advancement.

Founded in 1743, the American Philosophical Society is the nation's oldest learned society which promotes excellence and useful knowledge in the sciences and humanities through scholarly research, professional meetings, publications, library resources and community service.

The Society has more than 700 distinguished members elected for their scholarly and scientific accomplishments in all fields of learning. They include close to 100 Nobel laureates.