

= Chai Trong @-@ rong =

Chai Trong @-@ rong (Chinese : 蔡同榮 ; pinyin : Cài Tóngróng ; Wade ? Giles : Tsai Tóngróng ; Pe̍h-ōe-jī : Chhòa Tōng @-@ êng ; 13 June 1935 ? 11 January 2014) , sometimes known in English as Trong Chai , was a Taiwanese politician . He was a member of the Legislative Yuan , the national legislative body of the Republic of China (Taiwan) .

Born in Taiwan , Chai earned his master 's and doctorate degrees in the United States . He was a pro @-@ democracy advocate and founded the Association for a Plebiscite and Formosa TV .

A member of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) , Chai was elected a national @-@ level legislator multiple times . He took part in three of the DPP chairmanship elections . However , he lost all three of the elections .

= = Early life and education = =

Chai Trong @-@ rong was born on 13 June 1935 , in modern @-@ day Budai , Chiayi County , Taiwan . At the time , Taiwan was still part of the Empire of Japan . After the Second World War , his father served as Chiayi County council member for two terms .

After his graduation from the National Tainan First Senior High School , Chai attended the National Taiwan University (NTU) studying political science . He later switched his major to law and graduated from the NTU College of Law in 1958 . He was then conscripted and served in the Republic of China (Taiwan) Army for sixteen months .

In 1960 , Chai went to the United States and studied at the University of Tennessee , where he earned his master 's degree in political science . As a result of participating in the independence movement of Taiwan , Chai was placed on the Kuomintang 's black list and was unable to return to Taiwan . He continued studying and attended the University of Southern California , earning his doctorate in 1969 . In 1986 , Chai became a professor of political science at the City University of New York .

= = Entry into politics = =

Chai established the World United Formosans for Independence (WUFI) in 1970 and became its first president . Then in 1982 , he founded the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) , serving as its first president as well .

Chai returned to Taiwan to in the name of attending a funeral in June 1990 . He was issued a new passport and joined the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) shortly after his arrival . He founded the Association for a Plebiscite (traditional Chinese : 自由台灣會 ; simplified Chinese : 自由台湾会 ; pinyin : Gòngmín Tóupiào Cùjìnhuì) in November . The goal of the association was to reform through the will of the people .

= = Legislative career = =

Chai was elected a legislator representing Chiayi City in 1992 . Although he was not reelected in 1995 running against Vincent Siew of the Kuomintang , he was elected into the Legislative Yuan again in the 1997 by @-@ election and reelected in 1998 , 2001 and 2004 . During these terms , Chai was involved in the National Defense , Overseas Compatriot Affairs , and Foreign Affairs Committees .

He supported the localization policies of the Chen Shui @-@ bian administration . In 2005 , he urged the Ministry of Education to get rid of contexts of " aboveboard Chinese " (Chinese : 中國話 ; a Chinese nationalistic term imposed by the Chiang Kai @-@ shek regime after World War II) from the back cover of elementary school workbooks . In response to the Anti @-@ Secession Law of the People 's Republic of China , Chai and legislator Chuang He @-@ chi proposed draft for an " Anti @-@ Annexation Law . "

== Chairmanship campaigns ==

Despite the fact that Chai was endorsed by renowned pharmacologist Chen @-@ Yuan Lee , he lost the DPP chairmanship election in 1996 . However , the resignation of Su Tseng @-@ chang as DPP chairperson in 2005 led to Chai 's decision to run again . He was the first in the party to register his candidacy .

Chai was one of the three candidates who registered . He was endorsed by vice president Annette Lu and foreign minister Mark Chen . The election was held in January 2006 . Former Secretary @-@ General of the Presidential Office Yu Shyi @-@ kun won with over 54 % of the votes while Chai received 36 % .

In 2008 , after the defeat of Frank Hsieh in the presidential election , DPP candidate Hsieh resigned as chairman and announced the date for the chairmanship election . Chai declared his candidacy on April 14 .

Although the DPP passed a resolution to ban all factions within the party in 2006 , the dissent between former members of different factions was still present and was thought to be one of the factors that led to DPP 's loss in the presidential election . Chai , along with Koo Kwang @-@ ming emphasized the importance of consolidating the party 's policy on independence , while Tsai Ing @-@ wen focused on the cooperation of former factions and expansion of the party 's support base .

Chai was supported by Tainan City mayor Hsu Tain @-@ tsair , but decided to withdraw from the race in May and gave his support to another candidate Koo Kwang @-@ ming . However , it was too late to officially withdraw from the election , and Chai received 5 percent of the votes .

== Death ==

Chai died on 11 January 2014 due to a stroke .