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Conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*

A Citation

Professor Bin CHENG, Lic-en-Dr, PhD, LLD

Professor Bin CHENG is the world's leading authority on air law and space law. His domain is the celestial world where aeroplanes and satellites and space ships weave patterns across bright and luminous skies. It is also an area rich in conflicts and controversy where big and small powers have not feared to tread. Fortunately for the world and human kind there are a few brilliant scholars like Professor CHENG who have lent their educated wisdom and good sense to the cause of imposing some sort of order on the chaos.

He does this from the vantage point of University College, London where he had obtained his doctorate twenty-eight years ago. With the University of London he has stayed all these years, serving first as assistant lecturer in the Faculty of Laws and subsequently as professor, dean, and chairman of the board of studies. His major publications during this period, in particular his two books, *General Principles of Law as Applied by International Courts and Tribunals* and *The Law of International Air Transport*, have been hailed as definitive works on the subjects.

Professor CHENG's pre-eminence in the realm of air law and space law was duly recognized by the International Law Association when they asked him to serve as Chairman of their Air Law Committee, a position he has held since 1965. In the following year, the University of London awarded him the degree of Doctor of Laws. In 1967 he became Professor of Air and Space Law and to this date enjoys the distinction of being the only Professor of Air and Space Law in the United Kingdom, and one of only a few in the world.

Today, it is time The Chinese University honours a truly world-renowned Chinese scholar, a man whose soaring intellect has made him a Daedalus among men. I now ask you, Mr. Chancellor, to confer on Professor Bin CHENG the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

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