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Professor YANG Lien-sheng is a world-famous historian and Sinologist. After graduating from Tsing Hua University with a B.A. degree, he studied at Harvard where he received his Ph.D. Later he also received an honorary D.Litt. degree from Washington University at St. Louis. Apart from short stays at the College de France and Princeton University, Professor YANG has spent most of his time teaching Sinology at Harvard, where he became the first appointee to the Harvard-Yenching Chair of Chinese History, an honoured post he has held since 1965.

While being an extremely widely read scholar, Professor YANG specializes in Chinese institutional and economic history. His works in these areas have received international acclaim. Apart from being a highly esteemed author, Professor YANG is also an acute critic of other scholars' works. His thoroughness and objectiveness as shown in his book reviews have always been admired and respected in academic circles. As a member of the Academic Advisory Board of Humanities since the University's inauguration, he has made many valuable recommendations to this University.

In recognition of his outstanding academic achievements, this University presents Professor YANG to Your Excellency for the conferment of the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

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