

敬愛的林宗光教授安息

北美洲台灣人教授協會 NATPA 第六任會長 1985-1986 林宗光教授 (1940-2013) 於 12 月 21 日安息於 Des Moines , Iowa.

今年八月他來洛杉磯參加 NATPA 年會，會長蔡文玉頒發貢獻獎給他，他不僅參加會後加州海岸遊而且十月也隨教授旅遊團去印度尼泊爾。他喜歡長途開車旅行，



喜玩 tennis 愛音樂也愛攝影。幾年前我們去紐澳，去埃及約旦有他跟太太 Suzu 隨行，大家玩得很開心。

有次回程飛機上，我特地坐他旁邊聊天，他講許多在成功中學時期玩瘋了各種活動，他身高大健壯，是天生的運動健將，田徑隊之外棒球他是投手，籃球隊足球隊少不了他。最苦惱的是他常買不到大號球鞋，有時只好到美軍福利社找。他到美國很高興在大小鞋店都可買到他的寸號。

在東海大學他學歷史，卻發更多時間在操場和球場，也追到體育選手當終身伴侶，1964 兩人在加州 Berkley 結婚。他申請到 Pomona College 國際獎學金，再

到 Taft 大學法律與外交學院完成碩士及博士，主修經濟和亞洲國際關係，1970 就去 Drake Univ. in Des Moines, Iowa 當歷史學教授，直到 2005 年退休。

他生在台南市是林家十個小孩的老么，七歲時他父親林茂生 Columbia 大學教育博士當台大文學院院長被中國國民黨謀殺。二哥林宗義教授(1920-2010) 是台大醫學院精神科奠基者，也是北美世界著名精神醫學家。

宗光兄被診斷出癌症經治療後，更提高夫妻兩人隨教授團遊遍 20 國家和南極。2012 年帶領七位孫子三位兒子和媳婦返台，包車環島台灣 10 天，他兼導遊暢談台灣的歷史人文傳授給兒孫。

Tsung-Kuang Lin 林宗光教授四十年來對台灣的人權，自由和民主有諸多貢獻。以下附英文的 Obituary 和諸多好友的追思和照片留念。 (鄭炳全敬禮)

Tsung-Kuang Lin (1940 - 2013)

Obituary

Professor Tsung-Kuang "T.K." Lin gently passed away on December 21, 2013, surrounded by his family. Born on January 14, 1940 in Tainan, Taiwan, T.K. was the youngest of 10 children.

At a young age, T.K. showed more promise athletically than academically. He was best known in Taiwan as an elite baseball pitcher, but he represented his province and island in soccer, track and field, and basketball as well. Despite spending most of his time on the field, he matured enough academically to matriculate to Tunghai University. He earned an international scholarship to Pomona College before he entered his law and Ph.D. program at Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy on Tufts University campus in Boston. He studied both economics and international relations with an emphasis on Asian studies. Just prior to their move to the east coast, he and Suzu married in Berkley California in 1964.

After finishing his degrees at Fletcher, he was offered a position at Drake University in Des Moines in 1970, where he stayed for 36 years before retiring. He maintained an emeritus position there but he spent most of his time pursuing his favorite past times of travel, classical music, photography, tennis, chasing grandchildren, spending time with his friends, carrying on the works of his father, and treasuring his moments with his wife of 50 years.

His family was well known in Taiwan and internationally for their work on Taiwan's independence movement. Leading the charge was his father Bo-Seng Lin who, as an academic and political leader against the KMT government, was assassinated when T.K. was only 7 years of age. T.K. was also the former president of NATPA (North American Taiwanese Professors Association). He will be remembered as a strong leader in the organization and a passionate advocate of the Taiwanese democratic movement since the 1970s. As a scholar, he gave speeches and wrote articles to promote Taiwanese cause- the right to determine our future. His conviction never wavered in his entire life.

Upon being diagnosed with cancer, T.K. elevated his level of travel around the world having hit every continent, around 20 countries, sans Antarctica. His greatest and perhaps proudest trip came in 2012, when all three sons, seven grandchildren and two daughter-in-laws joined him and Suzu for a ten day, family-only bus tour around Taiwan. The family was treated to his introspective and historical discourses of the island.

T.K. is survived by his wife, Suzu of Clive; 3 children, Hoyt of Chaska, MN., Ian of Des Moines (Danielle), Jim of Poulsbo, WA (Sarah); and 7 grandchildren, Aaron, Austin, Zach, Emma, Kanoa, Grant, and Evan. He is also survived by sister, Yung-Mei.

His life and teachings will continue to be treasured and remembered.

A memorial service will be held at 2 pm Sunday, December 29, 2013 at Hamilton's on Westown Parkway, 3601 Westown Parkway, with a visitation/reception to follow at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made to HamiltonsFuneralHome.com.

Dear NATPA Colleagues:

With deep sorrow and sadness, we are writing to inform you the passing of NATPA's former president (1985-1986) and a very dear and long time friend of us, Prof. Tsung-Kuang Lin (林宗光 教授). We received the phone call tonight from TK's wife Suzu that Prof. Lin passed away last night.

Prof. Lin made many friends throughout his life and won the respects from both young and old. We all remember him as a strong leader in our organization NATPA and a passionate advocate of Taiwan democracy movement since 1970s. As a scholar, he gave speeches and wrote articles to promote Taiwanese cause – the right to determine our future. His conviction never wavered in his entire life.

This past August during the NATPA annual meeting and ensuing trip, we had opportunities to see him with great spirits again. Although he has been suffering from the dreadful disease of cancer for a few years already, he still exhibited his usual optimism and humor, was still planning his future trips and cracking jokes.

Last weekend, Robert Lai and I (Wen-Yen), knowing the seriousness of his condition, flew to Iowa to see him. We were happy to see that Tsung-Kuang was surrounded by his grandchildren and sons, besides his wife. Tsung-Kuang, Robert and Wen-Yen reminisced together many foolish and funny things that they as young boys did during their junior and high school years. We were hoping to see him again. Unfortunately, that turns out to be our last meeting with him. Life is surely unpredictable and vulnerable. .

We are going to miss TK as a friend, colleague, and comrade in our continuing fight for our common cause.

May T.K rest in peace. We would like to send our condolences to his family, his dearest wife Suzu, three great sons and many grandchildren.

Wen Yen and Chih-mei Chen

December 22, 2013

Dear NATPA Members:

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of the NATPA's 6th President, Dr. Tsung-Kuang Lin (林宗光) in Iowa on December 21, 2013. Although I did not know Dr. Lin well, I sensed his dedication to NATPA on all the occasions where I had the fortune of meeting him. Prior to assuming the NATPA presidency, I participated in the NATPA conferences only a few times. Each time I noticed the presence of Dr. Lin at the keynote speech and other meetings. As I seldom took part in the NATPA events, for me to see him each time I attended a NATPA event suggested to me his regular attendance at the

NATPA events. It spoke to his dedication to NATPA. I also heard his wise advice and comments at the NATPA conferences.

Born in Tainan, Taiwan, Tsung-Kuang Lin received his masters and Ph.D. degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. He was Professor of History at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, until retired in 2005. He had published extensively on the modern history of Taiwan, the relations between Taiwan and China, and the relations between U.S., Taiwan and China.

Dr. Lin served as the President of NATPA, 1985-86. In their e-mail in announcing sad news about Dr. Lin's passing, Drs. Wen Yen Chen and Chihmei Lin Chen who know Dr. Lin well remarked that Dr. Lin was "a strong leader in NATPA and a passionate advocate of Taiwan democracy movement since 1970s. As a scholar, he gave speeches and wrote articles to promote Taiwanese cause – the right to determine our [their] future." In referring to the passing of Dr. Lin, Dr. Charles Hsu, Vice-President of NATPA lamented that "It is [a] great loss to us." Dr. Hus commended on Dr. Lin: "His dedication to Taiwan, his love to Taiwan, and his contribution to Taiwanese affairs are well respected. His integrity and leadership are well remembered. He is the best example of Taiwanese soul."

Dr. Lin was a historian and a scholar with an international reputation. These are such an unusual accomplishment in a country for an individual whose first language was not English. Dr. Lin was a loyal Taiwanese whose love for Taiwan, Taiwanese, and Taiwanese cultural heritage was unwavering. Along with his family - his late older brother, Dr. Lin Tsung-yi, and his late father, Lin Mau-sheng, Dr. Lin Tsung-Kuang tirelessly wrote, advocated, and fought for self-determination, democracy, and human rights for Taiwan. His efforts and dedication to Taiwan will keep the flame of Taiwanese identity and self-determination burning forever.

Dr. Lin's natural love for Taiwan, his dedication for Taiwanese cause, and his amiable personal character have undoubtedly won the respect and love of his fellow overseas Taiwanese as the comments from Drs. Chi-mei Lin and Charles Hsu clearly expressed. With his passing, Taiwan and Taiwanese in Taiwan have lost a champion of their strife for democracy and overseas Taiwanese have lost a dear friend, a model of scholarly achievement, and a mentor for speaking up for oppressed people. The world has now lost a spokesman for human rights and democracy. Dr. Lin Tsung-Kuang will be dearly missed by many.

With this note, NATPA wishes to deliver its condolences to Dr. Lin Tsung-Kuang's family. It is the hope of NATPA that Mrs. Lin and the rest of the family would replace their sorrow with the celebration of Dr. Lin's life and contribution to Taiwan, Taiwanese, and the world with his advocacy for self-determination and democracy and with his scholarly works on Taiwan's history. We are saddened for having lost a valuable member, a respected leader, and a dear friend – Dr. Lin Tsung-Kuang.

On behalf of NATPA,

Lily Dyson, Ph.D.
NATPA President

Thank you the true remark from President Dyson. Indeed it is great loss to NATPA and Taiwanese society.

By his encouragement and recommendation I joined NATPA proudly. NATPA is the forever beacon of Taiwanese self determination and hope. NATPA is the symbol of Taiwanese soul and consciousness that is the exactly of Professor Lin's legacy. He has 3 outstanding sons and 7 grandchildren. His wife Suzu whom T. K. Love profoundly since in 東海 university. She has given the best to T. K. Care and family. With the deep sorrow I am asking every of our members take care of your health and have physical exam at least once a year. Please support and love NATPA as professor T. K. Lin did
Charlie HSU

President Southern CA chapter
Very good friend of T K Lin
Family Medicine physician

From: 黃界清 JC Han

有兩件事讓我想起林宗光教授：

1. 大概是 1984 年(?), 有位在 Texas A&M University Undergraduate 唸書的台灣人第二代子弟, 剛好負責校方一年一次的 SCONA(Society Conference of National Affair?) Program 負責人, 他透過關係主動與我連續。他要三位有代表性的學者, 來辯論台灣的過去與未來, 他說已經邀請代表中國國民黨的邱逢達教授, 代表中國共產黨的某某教授, 希望我能推薦一位代表台灣人的教授。透過同鄉推薦, 我直接打電與林宗光教授連繫, 他一口答應, 讓年輕助理教授的我喜出望外。在全場英文辯論過程到結論, 林宗光教授清楚宏亮的聲音, 指出「Taiwanese Self-determination」, 深入全場聽眾的心, 之後與台灣同學的討論互動, 令人印象深刻, 事後好幾位同學私下都說「林教授好年青, 英俊, 有學問, 有風度, 他的言行令人感覺到他對台灣的愛」。

2. NATPA 2008 年年會, 在從紐約開往加拿大的遊艇上舉行, NATPA 想透過年會來檢討 2008 大選失敗的原因, 也邀請大約六、七位前會長發表他們對台灣前途的看法。林宗光教授發表從歷史的角度來看台灣的未來。在 Halifax 登岸旅遊途中, 大家分成不同的好幾個隊伍, 我正在猶疑不知去向時, 林教授建議共同塔計程車到很特別的海邊景觀(同行包括林宗光及林太太, 黃東昇及黃太太, 我及我太太)。整個 NATPA 年會前後, 林教授替大家拍很多精緻的照片(請見 2008 年 NATPA 年刊及 DVD)。我及我太太都覺得, 林教授還是跟廿十幾年前來 Texas A&M 公開演講時一樣, 還是非常的 Gentleman!

林宗光教授, 實在是我們學習的好典樣。請林太太及家人保重平安。

During his tenure as NATPA's president from 1985-1986 the membership (all paid) increased to to more than 400,and the number of local chapter expanded to 11. He spent

many weekends traveling to meet NATPA members in local chapters. His contribution to NATPA should always be remembered.

He set a good example for me as his successor of NATPA's president, 1986-87, I had to work As hard as he has done.

Robert Lai

This is a sadden news. I have never met Prof. Lin before. Years ago, when I edited the book on " The 'one China' Dilemma" to promote the cause of a democratic Taiwan, I was referred to ask him for reviewing a chapter on Taiwan's colonial history.

He responded to my humble request quickly and sent me his review report on time. That showed that he is very cooperative to a junior member (I am junior to him) of the NAPTA. Certainly, it is a big loss for NAPTA and Taiwan.

Peter Chow

As a professor, Dr. Lin is very inspriting and has a global view. As a person, Dr Lin has devoted himself to the better of Taiwan. As a friend, he is a wonderful travel companion. We will all miss him.

Ming and Violet

On Mon, Dec 23, 2013 at 10:58 PM, Shi-Kuei Wu wrote:

In October 1992 NATPA Board of Directors Meeting in Galveston, Texas, the Board decided to send a team to Taiwan to observe the Legislative Members Election on December 19, 1992. I was a newly elected President for 1992 - 1993 and I was totally confused without any experiences. Professor Tsung-Kuan Lin promised the Board that he would plan a series of activities for the Team. He also recruited 12 delegates from NATPA members in a short period of time and divided into two groups to enter Taiwan at various time. The NATPA Election Observing delegates started work as early as November 20 at many locations throughout Taiwan till the end of the Election. Professor Lin is a truly a leader with experiences not only in North America as well as in Taiwan.

Shikuei Wu

I know many of us will miss Prof. Lin Tsung-Kuang (林宗光). I will remember Prof. Lin, as my middle school and high school schoolmate, for his unbeatable spirit toward life.

His dedication and unselfish service to the Taiwanese community and to Taiwan can be our exemplar.

We will miss this great Taiwanese.

Shyu-tu Lee

From: Frank S T Hsiao

Sent: Monday, December 23, 2013 11:05 AM

To: Shin Liu; Lily Dyson; NATPA Forum

I am deeply sorry to hear the passing of TK.

I have two special encounter with him. I was in his Committee of Reviewing Hong Hu Hsiang's Thesis Plagiarism. He adopted my suggestion to classify plagiarism in three categories: plagiarism of the first, second, and third kind. He and I were in the second "Taiwan's Future" conference in Amoy, China, and we then traveled to the Silk Road together. I took many slides of the trip, but they are still in my basement unsorted.

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It is very sad of the passing of respectable Professor T. K. Lin. We will always cherish the found memory of traveling with him.

Special thanks to Shy, Jennifer & Charlie for arrangement.

Ju-Chu & Sherri

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From: J. S. kung

Dear friends,

Our beloved friend and travel companion, professor Tsung-Kuang Lin, has passed away on Saturday night peacefully surrounded by Suzu and family members.

He is such a respectable scholar and gentleman. It was a great loss. We will always cherished the fond memories we had together. On behalf of the travel group, we will make an announcement on the Pacific Times and send flower arrangement. Charlie is in charge of the details.

Shya

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很傷心，抗癌真難！記得他以前是十項全能的運動健將，在美國是歷史學教授，為台灣的民主、自由、人權，

他已做很多努力與奉獻，光榮離去，永存美好的記憶與效法的榜樣！

大家多保重！

弟 惠亭、幸鳴

12/23/2013

Dear Jennifer and Charles:

Thank you for representing me to send flower spray to TK's funeral. Please watch your mail sent from Chase Bank containing \$10 which is to share the incurred expense.

TK was not only Ming's fellow NATPA member and good friend, but also my brother's buddy. Very frequently, he, my brother and other pals held Skype conference calls which were often lasting beyond one hour. He seldom sounded like a patient during telephone conversation. On November 13, 2013, I was staying at my brother's place in Taipei and was joining their Skype conference call too. He was asking me how to deal with chillness, also told us that he was extremely tired, no energy or desire to do anything, etc. Since then, he had stopped calling us. We began to fear that he might be gravely ill. Then, not long after, he was summoned to be with our Lord in heaven like Ming, free of pain, leaving behind the grieving widows, Suzu and me.

My memory of TK was that he always teased me about my Taipei accent. He told funny stories too. Besides being a prominent scholar and a Taiwanese patriot, he was truly a cheerful company in traveling and other activities. We shall miss him much.

Respectfully,
Beatrice Wang 葉秀卿

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Jennifer:

Thank you again doing a big favor for us, I am still in Taiwan till January 10th, a big job to bring all my children and grandchildren here for the holiday. Will take care of my part when I get back.

Tsung-Kung to me is my big brother, we will all remember him.

Emil

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I am very sorry for the passing of Professor Lin. He is a great fighter for the independence of Taiwan and a very knowledgeable historian to learn from. I will always cherish the fun memories of the time we traveling together.

Thank Dr, and Mrs. Kun's informing me of this sad news.

Khang-cheng.

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Dear Shya,

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> Condolence poem dedicated to the memory of our beloved friend Prof. T.K.Lin was published in Pacific Time

> on Dec 25, 2013. and a flower spray was sent to funeral home on Dec 21, 2013.

> I am sorry a few friends was not in time to be listed in advertisement of Pacific Time. However I do include them into the flower spray and

> inform Suzu of their good thoughts .

> Suzu wants me to convey her appreciation for all the sympathy from Mrs. Kung's Travel group during her time of loss.

> All comforting support are of great comfort to her.

> No one is obligated to share the cost, However, many friends did call to ask to share the cost of expense,

> I agree that they are heartfelt thoughts from these friends to want to express their support,

> so only for those who want to participate,

> they are welcomed to send \$5.00 /per person to me at 2153 N 1st Ave, Upland CA 91784.

> Shya, thank you for organizing all these tours in the past 10 years, not only we enjoy the good time together,

> but also we share the emotional bond . I am very touched for all the support our travel group offered this past few weeks.

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> Best regards

> Jennifer

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Dear Friends:

Our deepest condolence to the Professor Tsung-Kuang Lin whose immeasurable contributions to NATPA and Taiwan most certainly deserves our loving memory for a long time.

We would like to express our appreciation to Shy, Jimmie and Jennifer, Charlie who took time out of their busy days to complete all the details for us.

Finally, thank you for remembering to let us participate despite of our absence for last couple of years from the tours.

Happy New Year 2014 to All,

Mao and Michelle Lin

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Below is a message from our Chapter President Dr. Charlie Hsu:

Professor T. K. Lin, NATPA President 1985-1986, passed away Saturday night with family members surrounding in Iowa. It is a great loss to us. His dedication to Taiwan, his love to Taiwan, and his contribution to Taiwanese affairs are well respected. His integrity and leadership are well remembered. He is the best example of Taiwanese soul.

Charlie Hsu

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Dear friends:

I received a phone call from Suzu this morning. She asked me to convey her sincere appreciation to all the travel group members for your heartfelt sympathy and thought during this difficult time. Your support really touched and warmed her heart. The funeral service of late Prof. Lin was attended by more than 150 guests, more than double what they had expected. They kept adding the chairs, at the end, some guests had to stand. The respect for late Prof. Lin and the emotional support to the family brought comfort to Suzu. On the day of service, the weather was cold, but no snow. It was a beautiful service in honor of late Prof. Lin.

According to one of Prof. Lin's cousin who attended the service, one of Prof. Lin's son spoke during the service. He reminisced his childhood playing the ball games, etc. with his father, it brought lots of laughter. He then sang a song in honor of his father, it brought him and moved the guests to tears.

Prof. Lin will always be remembered by all.

Shya