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Dr. San-pao Li received his Baccalaureate degree in political science from Tunghai University, Taiwan in 1966. He came to the United States to begin his teaching career in 1967 at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He received his Masters degree in Regional Studies: East Asia from Harvard University in 1970 and his Doctoral degree in history from University of California, Davis in 1978.

He has been teaching Chinese history and language at various institutions of higher learning in the United States for the past thirty nine years since 1967, including Harvard University, Columbia University, University of California (both Berkeley and Davis campuses), Boston College, and California State University at Long Beach (CSULB). Dr. Li was instrumental in founding the Department of Asian and Asian American Studies, California State University, Long Beach. He served in the capacity of Department Chair (and Program Director prior to that) for a total of nine years until 1991.

Dr. Li is an intellectual historian by training and is a veteran, seasoned language instructor and interpreter (both consecutive and simultaneous) with 40 years of experience. He focuses his research on nineteenth-century China. He is the author of several important studies on Kang Youwei, a leading reformer in modern China. He has published more than a dozen articles and reviews in juried leading professional publications. His recent publications include "Anthropocosmic Unity: Perspectives on Chinese Cosmology, Ethics, and Religion," "Chinese Conceptions of Time and a Modern Variation in K'ang Yu-wei's Utopianism," and "Ch'ing Cosmology and Popular Precepts" in *Cosmology, Ontology, and Human Efficacy: Essays in Chinese Thought* (University of Hawaii Press, 1993). At the present he is in the process of completing a book-length manuscript entitled *Moral Imperatives Redefined: Early Intellectual Radicalism of Kang Youwei, 1858-1927*. In addition, he has delivered more than 100 scholarly papers and invited speeches to various professional societies and organizations.

Dr. Li is a five-time recipient of the much-coveted "Meritorious Performance Award" (1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, and again in 1989) consecutively since the establishment of the award at California State University, Long Beach. One of the highest and crowning honors in his profession as an educator was accorded to him when he was selected by

the Academic Senate of CSULB as one of the three "Outstanding Professors" during the academic year of 1984-85. He was subsequently selected by his University as one of the two recipients of the "Distinguished Faculty Teaching Awards 1995-96." These are two of the major honors in his profession as an educator and teacher offered at CSULB.

In addition, Dr. Li is an award-winning and accomplished Chinese calligrapher whose works have been included in numerous exhibitions both in Taiwan and in the United States since the 1960s. His calligraphy has also graced book covers and a host of other publications.

He has involved himself tirelessly in international educational exchange programs and innumerable community activities over the years. He is one of the founding members of the Chinese American Professional Society in Southern California. He is the former Chair of the Chinese American Council of the Historical and Cultural Foundation of Orange County.

Furthermore, Dr. Li served as a high-level diplomatic and conference interpreter of the United States Department of State. He was invited by the State Department as an official interpreter for the visit of the People's Republic of China's Vice Premier Bo Yibo during the first U.S.-China Joint Economic Committee Conference, September 1980. He was asked to interpret for President Jimmy Carter, Ambassador Woodcock, Ambassador Winston Lord, former Secretary of Treasury Miller, former Secretary of Commerce Kluzniak, and U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, among other dignitaries. Since then, he has been asked repeatedly by the Department of State to assist various high-level delegations from the People's Republic of China, including the "U.S.-China Joint Conference on Health" in Maryland (1982) and the joint "U.S.-China Conference on International Politics and Economy" held in Sichuan, China (1985). Some of his most rewarding assignments include traveling to China with former Secretary of Treasury, James Baker, III in 1986 to attend the Fifth U.S.-China Joint Economic Committee Conference" held in Beijing. In October 1988, he also interpreted for former Secretary of State George Shultz in Washington, D.C. when he met with Mr. Chen Qizhen, the then Foreign Minister of China.

He has involved himself intensively since early 1994 in the development of two highly sophisticated, innovative, interactive, and multimedia-based Chinese language software programs, the *Pinyin Master* and the *CyberChinese*. These highly acclaimed programs involve the employment of the state-of-the-art computer technology for the purpose of creating a most effective media through which the mode of teaching and learning Chinese is dramatically improved by removing all the conceivable obstacles for students learning this language. They offer learners of Chinese effective interactivity and unlimited opportunities for repetition with the aid of sound, color, and animated video segments in order to

enrich the students' total learning experience. These programs have been adopted by more than 100 universities and colleges across the country and have received numerous published accolades from professionals in the field.