

Dr. Chih Wang's Accomplishments in 1989-2006, as Dean / Professor of Learning Resources, University of Guam

It was fortunate that Dr. Chih Wang came to University of Guam at a challenging time, when UOG was working on upgrading all areas of its academic activities, such as program enhancement, facility improvement, student and faculty recruitment, etc. to pursue its institutional excellency. It was in such a time that Dr. Wang undertook and achieved quite many exciting tasks, which he would selectively numerate some of these projects as follows. Readers are referred to read following sources for more details about Dr. Wang's past endeavors:

1. Chih Wang's webpages: <http://www.geocities.ws/wangwideweb168>
2. Wang, Chih and Others. *Guam Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services, 1990. Final Report.* Syracuse, NY: ERIC 1991. ED 341 391
3. Wang, Chih. *University of Guam Learning Resources (LR): Cumulative Report, 1952-94.* Syracuse, NY: ERIC 1995. 44p. ED 377 832.

Accomplishments:

- Renovated and expanded library building, which occupies 54,201 square feet, consisting of a 24-hour study area, six conference rooms, multimedia presentation classrooms, etc. The facility was reported as "a beautiful new gem" on the University of Guam campus. The AIA Design Awards given to the project cited the building as "a place for learning, reflection, and interaction." Jesus U. Torres, then Chairman of the University Board, proclaimed in 1992 when the building was done: "This marks the first giant step in the revitalization of a university in pursuit of academic excellence."
- Installed and implemented a computerized system (Dynix), which automated the services and operations of the University of Guam Library and laid the foundation for its connection to other libraries and institutions in U.S. and the world. It was a long process, which involved internal assessment, systems analysis, selection and negotiation, systems installation, staff training, data conversion, etc. For public awareness and promotion, many workshops and demonstrations, such as Computer Literacy, Island InfoFiesta, Library Technology Update, and so on were offered in the process of implementation.
- The InfoFiesta was the first computerized information workshop on Guam and won two certificates of nomination by Guam Governor and Legislature for the Magnificent Seven Award on island. The system was implemented in 1993 when the expansion of the library building was completed. Equipped with the new automation system, the new library was then deemed as "Stepping into the 21st century."

- Initiated and acquired OCLC (Ohio Computer Library Center) services, CD-ROM databases, Internet connection, and other innovative services in the library. OCLC was applied to cataloging, interlibrary loans, and reference search. The initial CD databases included Academic Index, CINAHL, ERIC, MEDLINE, and others. It ought to note that in 1989 when Wang arrived at University of Guam, The Library was mostly operated manually and had not applied many information technologies to its functions. It had only one IBM PC and one Mac computer.
- Supported the initiation, development, and implementation of library instruction as partial curriculum of English course required for students and as an information class for other subject courses. The instruction was initiated in 1990 and has been offered regularly since then.
- Marketed, promoted, and increased the usage of the library. Statistics show that in 1988 the numbers of library cards issued, reference queries, and materials checked out were 3,885, 5,552, and 38,550 respectively. In 1991, the corresponding numbers were 4,308, 8098, and 44,830. And the increasing trend was continuing on in the 1990s.
- Encouraged, promoted, and led intellectual activities among library faculty. The result was that in the 1990s, library faculty published several monographs and numerous articles in journals, magazines, and local newspapers.
- Established a separate East Asian Collection to meet the needs of University of Guam curriculum and Guam and Micronesian population.
- Played an active role in the reactivation of Guam Library Association in September 1989 and the founding of Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives in February 1991. GLA and PIALA have since become the forums for library professionals on Guam and Micronesia to discuss their issues and provided many continuing education opportunities.
- Initiated, chaired, and implemented Guam Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services held on November 15-17, 1990 in Agana, Guam. The conference adopted 94 recommendations on improving library and information services, which were mostly made from a series of meetings held in various villages. Seven of them were related to nationwide issues and submitted to the White Conference for consideration. The other recommendations were proposed to Guam Governor for his attention.

- Selected by U.S. National Council on Library and Information Science in 1990 to serve on the Editorial Committee for screening state recommendations for White House Conference on Library and Information Services. Working with other selected members in Washington D.C, reviewed, edited, and compiled a book of recommendations for use of the conference.
- Elected to serve on Guam delegation and participated in White House Conference on Library and Information Services held on July 9-13, 1991 in Washington, DC. The conference adopted 95 recommendations and many additional petitions with regard to the improvement of library and information services in the nation. Guam's seven submissions and two petitions were incorporated in the national agenda.

Publications -- Monographs:

1. *Thirty-Years Practice in Libraries: Recollections and Ruminations*. Philadelphia, PA: Xlibris, 2005. 245 p. with index.
2. *Guam and Micronesian Libraries: Historical Events, Information Sources, and Others*. Philadelphia, PA: Xlibris, 2005. 172 p. with index.
3. *Patches of Light Clouds*. Taipei, Taiwan: Showwe, 2005. 334 p. with index.
4. *Government of Guam Documents: A Selected list, 1981-2004*. Syracuse, NY: ERIC, 2005. 64 p. ED 490 638.
5. *Government of Guam, 1981-1996: An Information Source*. Mangilao, Guam: University of Guam, Micronesian Area Research Center, 1997. 308 p. with indexes.
6. *University of Guam Learning Resources Cumulative Report, 1952-94*. Syracuse, NY: ERIC, 1995. 44 p. ED377 632
7. *Guam Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services Report*. Agana, Guam: Government of Guam, 1991. 97 p. (With Shirley Corbin and Mark C. Goniwiecha.) Also, in Syracuse, NY: ERIC. ED 341 391.

Philanthropy:

When he served at the University, Dr. Wang humbly gave to UOG by monthly deduction of his salary for several years, for which his name was inscribed, among others, in the honorary donor wall constructed in the campus center ground when Dr. Jose T. Nededog was President.

Photos:



New library building groundbreaking, 1989, L>R: Ben G. Blaz, Congressman; Wang; Rosa R. Carter, UOG former President; Joseph F. Ada, Governor; behind Governor, Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, UOG President



White House Conference on Library and Information Services, Washington, D.C., 1991. Elected Guam representatives, L>R: Mark G. Goniwiecha, Peter Onedera, Dr. Jeannetta Caplan and Wang



Dr. Harold L. Allen, UOG President (front center), and Learning Resources faculty and staff attend and recognize Wang's new books dedication, 2005