



## QIU SHI SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGIES FOUNDATION

In 1994 “Qiu Shi Science & Technologies Foundation” was founded by Dr. Cha Chi Ming (1914-2007) and his family in Hong Kong. The name “Qiu Shi” originated from Zhejiang University’s former name, “Qiu Shi Academy”. The primary goal of this foundation is to promote science and technology research in China, and to encourage and reward successful Chinese scholars within these fields. Since its establishment, Dr. Cha Chi Ming and his family have donated US\$20 million to the Qiu Shi Science & Technologies Foundation.

Seated on the Foundation’s advisory board include a roster of distinguished and internationally acclaimed members of academia. They are: Professor Chen Ning YANG (a Nobel Laureate in Physics), Professor Guangzhao ZHOU (Chairman of China Association for Science and Technology, and a renowned physician), Professor Yuan Tseh LEE (a Nobel Laureate in Chemistry), Professor Yuet Wai KAN (a distinguished medical expert), Professor David D. HO (a distinguished medical expert), and Professor Chi Chih YAO (a well-known computer science expert, appointed in 2005). The late Professor Shiing Shen CHERN, an acclaimed mathematician was also one of the Foundation’s highly respected advisors.

Since 1994, after a thorough process of examination and verification, the Foundation granted awards to hundreds of outstanding Chinese scientists for their achievements in the fields of mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, and medicine. The award categories include the following: “Outstanding Scientist”, “Outstanding Young Scholar”, and “Outstanding Science & Technology Team Achievement”. A grant is also given to the winners to support their continuing research work. In 2000, the Foundation started the “Qiu Shi graduate student scholarship”, with the objective of assisting Chinese universities in the development of their best young science and technology talent. The Foundation has so far awarded over US\$10 million.

Qiu Shi Science & Technologies Foundation organizes an annual award ceremony which is attended by high-ranking government officials, prominent university presidents, as well as top scientists and engineers in their respective fields. In 1994, the award ceremony was held at Diaoyutai State Guesthouse, featuring Prime Minister Li Peng as keynote speaker, and Wan Li, the Chairman of the National People’s Congress. From 2000, the Qiu Shi Science & Technologies Foundation Award Ceremony was listed as one of the key events in China Association for Science and Technology(CAST)’s Annual Conference, with CAST’s Chairman, Dr. Guangzhao ZHOU, as keynote speaker.

It is the fervent hope of the Foundation that it can continue to promote the development of Chinese science and technology through its support and funding of individual talent. In the words of the late Professor Shiing Shen CHERN, “We can make known worldwide the achievements of China’s scientists, in the same way that China’s table tennis players are known and recognized all over the world.”