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A native Taiwanese, Prof Chen holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Taiwan Cheng Kung University and a PhD in Aeronautics from the California Institute of Technology. His career has primarily been in research at NASA's prestigious Jet Propulsion Laboratory and his speciality is the dynamics of large systems such as spacecrafts and satellites. He has extensive experience in organising large research teams to perform specific research objectives. He taught postgraduate courses, supervised postgraduate students in his laboratory, and published over 80 technical articles.

Prof Chen has been actively involved in the planning of the construction of research laboratories. He feels strongly that, "A university is where people come together to celebrate the discovery of truth which becomes the foundation of science and technology. However, these discoveries must be transformed into practical applications so that the private sector can commercialise them. In turn, private sector can use the profit from the commercialisation to support and nourish the further development of science and technology. As Director of Research Centre, I will see to it that the focus and mission of my work remain relevant to Hong Kong's economic development. It is this sense of having the opportunity to contribute to the people in Hong Kong, at this critical juncture in time, that motivates me to join HKUST and to leave the Jet Propulsion Laboratory after 23 years of service."

He has been involved in Chinese American community activities, serving as Principal of a Saturday school for children where Chinese language and culture are taught. He and his wife Christina, a medical librarian, have two children, Hailyn, 13, and Allen, 9 years of age.

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