

JAY CHEN



THE  
HONG KONG  
UNIVERSITY OF  
SCIENCE &  
TECHNOLOGY

香港科技大學  
8/F St. John's Building,  
33 Garden Road,  
Hong Kong. Facsimile No. 5-8458986  
Facsimile No. 5-8450227  
Telephone No.

Vice-Chancellor and President  
Professor Chio-Wei Woo, BS, MA, PhD

Press Release

Director of Research Centre

Appointed for the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology today announces the appointment of Dr Jay-Chung CHEN (陳介中) as Director of the Research Centre and Professor of Mechanical Engineering.

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. While he teaches at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and continues to direct graduate students his career has primarily been in research at NASA's prestigious Jet Propulsion Laboratory. His specialty is the dynamics of large systems such as spacecrafts and satellites and he has extensive experience in organizing large research teams to perform specific research objectives. 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 commercialize them. In turn, private sector can use the profit from the commercialization 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."



THE  
HONG KONG  
UNIVERSITY OF  
SCIENCE &  
TECHNOLOGY

香港  
科技  
大學

8/F St. John's Building,  
33 Garden Road,  
Hong Kong. Facsimile No. 5-8458986  
Facsimile No. 5-8450227  
Telephone No.

Vice-Chancellor and President  
Professor Chio-Wei Woo, BS, MA, PhD

- 2 -

Prof Chen's professional activities include membership in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Chinese American Engineers and Scientists Association of Southern California.

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 2 children, Hailyn, 13, and Allen, 9 years of age.

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
23 May 1989