LIU, Hao-Chun (1910 ~ 1972)

Hao-Chun Liu, born in Yiching County, Chiangs Province, and was the second Dean of Engineering at NCTU. He graduated from Shanghai Chiao Tung University and the graduate aeronautics program at the Central University before going on to study microwave engineering in the U.K. During the War of Resistance against Japan, he taught the Advanced Course at the Air Force's Mechanical School training flight mechanics. In 1949, he arrived in Taiwan with the Nationalist Forces and became the director of the Air Force's communications repair depot.

He was later promoted to Chief of Academic Affairs at the Air Force Communications School to nurture new blood. In 1956, he retired from military service and began teaching at National Cheng Kong University. When NCTU was re-established in Taiwan, he became Dean of Academic Affairs at NCTU in 1960. His activities during this time included exchange professor with Brooklyn College and also the engineering lecturer for the Sun Yat-Sen Cultural Foundation. In March 1969, he was appointed Dean of Engineering at NCTU by the Ministry of Education. During his time, he made strides in terms of campus expansion, school construction, acquisition of new equipment and the establishing of new departments. In 1971, Liu was appointed the chairman of the national university entrance examinations and took a personal interest in both the planning and execution. His tireless efforts made the exams a success and earned widespread praise. Overwork, however, led to liver cancer and he was hospitalized at Veterans General Hospital on three occasions after September 27, before passing away at the age of 63 on May 12, 1972.

Liu gave NCTU everything he had as an administrator and his every waking moment was spent on re-establishing the school's reputation and its future development. He believed in doing rather than talking. With national development and living up to the finest traditions of his alma mater as his basic principles, he threw himself into his work regardless of what other people may say about him. In this he was an embodiment of NCTU's tradition of hard, honest work.

Though over twenty years have now passed, many of the older faculty members at NCTU in Hsinchu still revere Liu for being the kind of person he was and the example he set for everyone. These are probably all that a man can ask for.

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