CHANG, Chun-Yen (1937 ~ )

Chun-Yen Chang was Taiwan’s first officially recognized Doctor of Engineering Science and also the first Taiwanese to be named as an IEEE Fellow (1987). In 1990, he was appointed the Director of the National Nano Device Laboratory by the NSC.

Chang was born in Taiwan's Tainan City in 1937. In 1960, he graduated in electrical engineering from NCKU and was then accepted into NCTU Institute of Electronics. He received his master’s degree after two years and then his doctoral degree in 1970. Cheng taught at NCTU Institute of Electronics since 1969 and was also head of the Department of Electrophysics. In 1977, he became a professor with NTU Yen Tjing Ling Industrial Research Institute as well as Director and Head of NCTU Department of Electrical Engineering. In 1981, he spent July and August with the Bell Labs' VLSI Group as a senior researcher, and in 1987 accepted an invitation to become a guest lecturer in electrical engineering at the University of Florida in the U.S. In 1989, he was once again invited to become guest professor at the Institute of Physics of the University of Stuttgart in Germany.

Cheng returned to Taiwan in 1980, and became Dean of NCTU College of Engineering in August of the same year. In 1994, he became Dean of the College of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Chang is currently the director of the NSC’s National Nano Device Laboratory, lifetime member of the American Physics Society and international committee member of the International Conference on Solid State Devices and Materials in Japan. Chang was also the founder of Wanpang Electronics 萬邦電子, the first high-tech electronics company in Taiwan. Together with fellow overseas returnee Dr. Jui-fu Chang and colleague Prof. Hsuang-fa Kuo, he established NCTU Semiconductor Center, the first modern semiconductor laboratory in Taiwan. Later on, Chang invited Prof. Ying-feng Yang to install the sculpture "The Wisdom of the Universe" at the NCTU Library. The sculpture enhanced the cultural and humanities at NCTU.

Upon being appointed the President of NCTU on August 1, 1998, Chang will now apply his dedication to the pursuit of excellence to turning NCTU into a world-class university.