

"Dr. Chen's contributions to higher education are remarkable. By providing access and opportunities to thousands of Chinese youths to obtain first class American type of university education, Dr. Chen continues to give a gift that transcends generations and national boundaries. His unassuming, humble, yet unfaltering leadership makes him an exceptionally successful educator and entrepreneur.

Dr. Steve O. Michael
President, AGAUC



"It was a privilege for me to visit SIAS University in China and to observe the impressive and magnificent edifice that houses the world class education offered there. It is simply amazing that this could be the vision of one man—Dr. Shawn Chen. Congratulations Dr. Chen"

Dr. Andy Pusca
Rector, Danubius University

ABOUT SIAS UNIVERSITY:

Combining Chinese and Western educational philosophies, Sias aims to develop sophisticated and specialized talents that can make contributions to the modernization and economic development of China. To achieve this aim, through a modern, beautiful environment, a visionary curriculum and diverse campus activities, it broadens the views of its students and encourages creativity and independent thought among both students and faculty. The participation of foreign faculty members, and the use of English-language teaching materials also enhance bilingual communication skills, and encourage all Sias students to explore global strategies to solve problems and develop innovative thinking.

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Dr. Shawn Chen

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Laudatio – Dr. Shawn Chen



Dr. Shawn Chen has been described as an educator, an entrepreneur, an internationalist, a diplomat, a visionary leader, an interculturalist, a lover of the arts, an indefatigable leader, a humanist, and an ardent believer in the transformative power of education. His works have earned him recognition both in the United States and in China as well as in many other places around the globe. In 1990, Dr. Chen started what has now become his life passion,

the creation of educational opportunities for the young adults. In that year, Dr. Chen established the Business Administration Training Center in Los Angeles. Within two years after the establishment of the Center, Dr. Chen founded the SIAS Group, Inc.

In 1998, Dr. Shawn Chen was the founder of the Sias International University—an institution that reflects the enormity of its founder's imagination, the immensity of his drive, and the embodiment of his vision—a vision to transform society by igniting fire in the souls of his students. While serving as the Chairman of the Board of Sias International University, Dr. Chen proceeded to establish yet another institution known as Brenda Institute of Technology (City University of Zhengzhou) and acts as the Chairman of the Board.

Dr. Chen is an executive member of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP). He is also a President Circle Member of the California Institute of Technology Associates as well as the President of the Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP). The latest addition to his already long list of accomplishments is his election to the Board of the Association for the Global Advancement of Universities and Colleges (AGAUC).

Dr. Chen earned his Bachelor of Arts from Chongqing University, China and proceeded to earn a Master of Education from Linfield College and yet another Masters, an MBA and Master of Management, from Willamette University. He earned Doctor of Humane Letters from the University for Humanistic Studies, and a Honoris Causa Doctor of Humanities from the University of the Cordilleras. Dr. Chen is a graduate of the Institute of Management and Leadership Education from Harvard University.

List of Titles

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