

**Report of Recipient of the 2016 CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award
in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung**

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Dear President Ruan, Executive Committee Members and the Board of Directors,

Our Committee post Call for Nominations three times on the CALAlist in the spring this year and we received one extremely strong nomination before the deadline. We are exceptionally inspired to read this most impressive nomination package of Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee for the 2016 CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung.

Dr. Lee is nominated by Dr. Shali Zhang, Professor and Dean of Libraries, University of Montana. The package includes an excellent nomination letter written by Dr. Zhang, supporting letters and supporting documents are equally effective.

All the strong documents highlighted Dr. Lee's outstanding leadership, distinguished achievements and contributions in the library and information profession at the National and international levels and the extraordinary impact of his leadership in ALA, CALA, American and Asian libraries as well as librarians. Dr. Zhang and Sai Deng's Spotlight on Dr. Lee is outstanding: very informative, interesting, and fantastic in the use of photos.

It is with great honor and privilege that we submit this report to you. **Our Committee members enthusiastically and unanimously voted to honor Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee as the 2016 recipient of the CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung.** As wrote by Dr. Zhang that "this award is in honor of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung's distinguished library career as a dedicated library director, educator, innovator, scholar, government official, and above all, an exemplary leader. Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee's professional career has reflected these merits and values".

We urge the Board to confirm as soon as possible that Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee is the Recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung. We plan to submit this exciting news to the editors of the CALA Newsletter by May 15, 2016. Thank you.

Please see the attached nomination package which I am sending to you via two (2) emails messages. The package includes the following 14 items of documents are attached with this email except document 1-2: CALA Spotlight on Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee which will be sent to you via a separate email attachment because of its large size. Please watch for the second email from me with the Spotlight. The nomination package includes:

- 1-0: Nomination Package List of Contents;
- 1-1: A formal nomination letter of Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee by Dr. Shali Zhang-the nominator, and
- 1-2: CALA spotlight on Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee (sent via a separate email attachment because of its large size).

- 2-1: Supporting letter-1 by Scott Seaman, Dean of Ohio University Libraries;
- 2-2: Supporting letter-2 by Judy Lu, Library of Congress; and
- 2-3: Supporting letter-3 by Cathy Yang, Library of Congress, and CALA GMA Chapter, President, 2000-2001; 2006-2007.
- 3: Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee's CV.
- 4-1: Samples of publication-1;.
- 4-2: Samples of publication-2; and
- 4-3: Samples of publication-3.
- 5: List of relevant awards and honors.
- 6-1: Other supporting doc 1-LC Press Release;
- 6-2: Other supporting doc 2-LC Special Chinese Collections by Judy Lu; and
- 6-3: Other supporting doc 3-Article written by Shali Zhang.

Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee served in numerous library leadership positions including Dean of Libraries Emeritus at Ohio University, and former Chief, Asian Division, Library of Congress. Dr. Lee's successful career, leadership, innumerable outstanding achievements and contributions to the profession spans for half a century are creative, influential, innovative, inspirational, and long lasting. Dr. Lee is highly respected by colleagues worldwide. His commitments, passion, leadership and prestigious consultation positions at national and international levels were recognized through numerous awards at his institutions, at the state, national, and international levels. (Please see the attached Dr. Lee's CV and nomination letters for more information.) We want to bring to your attention that Dr. Lee is the first Asian American library administrator, in ALA history, to receive the 2015 ALA Melvil Dewey Medal – one of the two highest prestigious awards presented by the American Library Association.

Dr. Zhang, Judy Lu and Cathy Yang of Library of Congress, and Scott Seaman, Dean of Libraries, Ohio University wrote: "Throughout his amazing career, Dr. Lee has an outstanding publication record as listed in the attachments, including over 80 journal articles and nine monographs. Two masterpieces of monographs have been published recently which have inspired and enlightened our peers around the world. They are: In 2011 to honor of his 80th birthday and in recognition of the impact his scholarship has had, Sun Yat-sen University Press published the *Collected Writings of Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee*. The handsomely bound two-volume set has been a bestseller for the press. And, in 2011, a Chinese biography of Dr. Lee's life was published in China titled, *The Sage in the Cathedral of Books: The Distinguished Chinese American Library Professional Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee...*

- The *Collected Works of Hwa-Wei Lee* 李華偉文集. (Guangzhou: Sun Yet-sen University Press, 2011). 2 vols. 1565 p. (图书馆学家文库 Library of Library Scientists) (In Chinese and English); and
- *The Sage in the Cathedral of Books : the Distinguished Chinese American Library Professional Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee* = 书籍殿堂的智者：杰出美籍华裔图书馆学家李华伟. (Guilin, Guangxi Normal University Press Group, 2011). 305 p. (in Chinese). Note: English edition of this book will be available in May 2016.

We are very proud to let you know that the English edition of Dr. Lee's biography: *The Sage in the Cathedral of Books: The Distinguished Chinese American Library Professional Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee* will be published by the Ohio University Press in May this year.

They further emphasized on Dr. Lee's exceptional leadership such as in fundraising and awarding large federal and external grants, consultation invitations by prestigious institutions and governmental agencies, and initiating numerous significant projects that brought national and international visibility, e.g., the establishments of the renowned International Librarians Internship Program, digitization projects, Library Professional Training and Leadership Development Projects and International Library Conferences and Cooperation, China-U.S. Library Conference Series, and many more.

This outstanding nomination package speaks for itself of Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee's remarkable achievements, contributions, and impact and that Dr. Lee is so academically, professionally, scholarly and personally deserving for this prestigious Award.

As summarized by Dr. Zhang in her nomination letter:

"Dr. Lee teaches us the successful library leadership skills and management necessary for the 21st century. He encourages and trains librarians to adapt modern management, new technologies, global libraries, and digitization in the 21st century. He further emphasizes the critical impact of quality on information discovery and access. Dr. Lee is the world leader who is innovative and dedicated to providing the highest levels of library services. He demonstrates to us how to embrace the future by incorporating new technologies for libraries so as to provide information resources, effective library services to users locally, nationally and globally.

Dr. Lee is an intellectually driving force and an accomplished library administrator who has been recognized as a national and internationally distinguished leader. He is superior in management, knowledge organization, vision, author, presenter and highly respected consultant and trainer. His success stories are our exemplary role models. He has not just succeeded in his career but has also encouraged others to share his vision, leadership, management, cooperation, resource sharing and team work, harmonious working relationship in diversified cultural society to become leaders

Dr. Lee is one of America's most celebrated library leaders. In appreciation of Dr. Lee's immense contributions to the Ohio University, the University, in August 1999, named a new library building after Dr. Lee as the Hwa-Wei Lee Library Annex and the first floor in the Main Library as the Hwa-Wei Lee Center for International Collections, in his honor when he retired from the University in 1999. This is the highest tribute one can receive in the library world.

Dr. Lee's success is a combination of talents, expertise, experience, hard work, vision, courage, and foresight in the application of new technologies in library operation and services. Dr. Lee is our leaders' leader for his superlative achievements in leadership, management, services, national and global library cooperation, training, application of new technologies and fundraising! He is an internationally acclaimed distinguished library icon whose long life achievements and contributions have earned him countless awards, honors and recognitions both in the United States and abroad. His success stories are our exemplary role models. Dr. Lee demonstrates to us an exemplary role model for the world's visionary leaders in library leadership, management, training, and application of new technologies for library operation and services that Dr. Margaret Chang Fung advocated. It is my greatly honor to nominate Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee for this prestigious award, **2016 CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung.** ”

Our heartfelt thanks go to Dr. Shali Zhang for her exemplary efforts in gathering and in presenting such an excellent, important, impressive and thorough nomination package. Thanks also go to Scott Seaman, Dean of Libraries, Ohio University, Judy Lu and Cathy Yang of the Library of Congress, for their excellent letters

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Mr. John Fung and his family for establishing this noteworthy Fung's Endowment Fund and the Award in memory of our beloved leader, Dr. Margaret Chang Fung.

Personally, I also want to thank my outstanding Committee members. I am very fortunately to have this opportunity to work with you. We have a great team! Thank you very much for your supports during the past two years.

We look forward to hearing from CALA President Ruan soon.

Respectfully submitted by,

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