



The Tang Prize

A golden age of cosmopolitan culture, the high point of China's political power: the Tang Dynasty has inspired later generations with admiration for its vibrant self-confidence and cosmopolitan inclusiveness. Such are the qualities that the Tang Prize seeks to promote.

In 2012 Dr. Samuel Yin set up the Tang Prize as an international scholarly award to recognize and encourage transformative research in various fields, with the hope that the Tang Prize will contribute to create another golden age for humankind.

The Tang Prize is a gift from Dr. Samuel Yin to the whole world. It is a concrete action to encourage and support global research and development in four categories.

The Tang Prize in Sustainable Development recognizes science and technology innovation relating to engineering, energy, environment and ecology *et al*; and will be awarded to those who have made significant contributions to human society and the sustainable development of the earth.

The Tang Prize in Biopharmaceutical Science is given to original research that has transformed the field and made possible the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of major human diseases and thus the improvement of human health.

The Tang Prize in Sinology (excluding literary works) recognizes the study of Sinology in a broad sense including research on China or related fields, such as history, etymology, linguistics, archeology, culture, ideology, philosophy, religion, classics, literature, arts and other areas of theory and practice, and will be awarded to those who have made important contributions to the development of human culture.

The Tang Prize in Rule of Law promotes the principle that all people are born equal and that everyone, including nations and international organizations, are protected and governed by law, and law should follow due process and substantive justice; law should be for peace, human rights, and sustainable development, and pursue the common well-being of humans and nature as the highest goal of theory and practice.



Starting in 2014, the Tang Prize will be awarded on a biennial basis, with four cash prizes of more than NT\$40 million. Should two or more candidates receive an award in the same category, the cash prize will be shared. Research projects proposed by the award winners will also receive a grant of no more than NT\$10 million, to be used within five years. Prizes will go to researchers from all over the world who have made outstanding achievements in the four chosen areas. It is hoped that award recipients will continue to take their research to higher levels and help bring in and nurture new talents by passing on their valuable experience and findings.

The Tang Prize Foundation has commissioned Academia Sinica to select the Tang Prize Laureates. Academia Sinica will invite experts from the four categories to nominate candidates. Laureates will be chosen solely on the basis of their research originality and contribution to human society.

The Tang Prize website can be found at: <http://www.tang-prize.org/>



Introduction of Academia Sinica

Academia Sinica was founded in 1928 and is the foremost academic research institute in the Republic of China. The mission of Academia Sinica is to conduct cutting-edge research in the humanities and sciences, encourage outstanding academic research, and nurture advanced research talent. The current President of Academia Sinica is Academician Chi-Huey Wong, who assumed office on the 19th October, 2006. President Wong is assisted by three vice presidents, currently Academician Shie-Ming Peng, Academician Chien-Jen Chen and Academician Fan-Sen Wang.

Academia Sinica is dedicated to placing equal emphasis on the development of the humanities and sciences, and on basic scientific research as well as applied research. Academia Sinica has 24 research institutes and 7 research centers which are organized into three divisions: Mathematics and Physical Science, Life Science, and Humanities and Social Science. Academia Sinica currently has over 7,000 staff members, including over 1,800 research staff holding Ph.D. degrees. Among the 265 Academicians of Academia Sinica, more than half work in the United States, and more than 80 are members of United States national academies. In addition, 8 Academicians and 7 Honorary Academicians are Nobel Laureates. The Central Office of Administration is responsible for the administrative work of Academia Sinica, and the Central Academic Advisory Committee is in charge of promoting academic development. The overall annual budget of Academia Sinica is approximately 14 billion New Taiwan Dollars.

Looking to the future, Academia Sinica will continue to uphold its academic tradition and research base in order to pursue academic excellence and the innovative application of newly acquired knowledge, and provide a blueprint for future development. It will continue to strengthen society, humanity and concern for the world to enrich human civilization and create a better world.

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