

**RETIREMENT OF TUN-JEN CHENG
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT**

Tun-jen Cheng, Class of 1935 Professor of Government, received his B.A. from National Taiwan University, M.A. from the University of Waterloo, and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley. He joined the faculty of William & Mary in 1992 as Associate Professor of Government and was promoted to Professor in 2000.

Throughout his career, Professor Cheng championed internationalization at William & Mary. He designed the Asia study program and served as chair of the East Asian Studies Committee and director of the Pacific-Asia Program, in addition to twice co-leading the university's summer program at Tsinghua University. He served on both the Board and Faculty Advisory Committee of the Confucius Institute, and promoted exchange programs in South Korea, Taiwan, and Singapore. Professor Cheng also served on the Pan-Asian Studies Committee, Steering Committee for the Freeman Foundation Grant, Global Studies Curriculum Committee, ad hoc Committee on Internationalizing the College, and International Studies Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee. He organized alumni associations in Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan. Professor Cheng received the Plumeri Award for Faculty Excellence in 2009 and he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa Society in recognition of his many contributions.

Professor Cheng has had a significant impact on his research fields, the political economy and electoral systems of East Asia, through his 11 books and 71 papers. He also served as president of the American Association of Chinese Studies, editor of the *Taiwan Journal of Democracy* and *The American Asian Review*, and editorial board member of *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly*, *Asian Survey*, and *Taiwan Political Science Review*. He was a founding member of the Pacific Roundtable of Industry, Society and Management, and a member of the inaugural class of national research fellows at the National Bureau for Asian Research. He also was a fellow at the East Asia Institute and the Luce Foundation, and a visiting scholar at the University of Tsukuba. He continues to serve as a nominator for the Fukuoka Asian Cultural Prizes and the Tang Prizes. His research on East Asia has been supported with numerous fellowships and grants, including those from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Bank, and the Henry Luce Foundation.

Professor Cheng's courses on international political economy and East Asia have shaped generations of Government, International Relations, and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies students. He has been exceptionally committed to that hallmark of a William & Mary education, one-on-one mentoring, having served on 30 honors thesis committees and supervised numerous independent studies. His students have benefitted from his deep knowledge of and passion for international relations, comparative politics, and East Asian Studies, and especially from his kindness and compassion.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Visitors acknowledges the retirement of Tun-jen Cheng; expresses its deep appreciation for his 30 years of service; and approves a change in status from Class of 1935 Professor of Government to Class of 1935 Professor of Government, Emeritus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy of the same be delivered to Professor Cheng with best wishes from a grateful Board for his years of dedicated service to William & Mary.