

In Memoriam: Wang Tieya

With profound sorrow the *Chinese Journal of International Law* and the Chinese Society of International Law would like to inform the readers that Professor Wang Tieya, formerly co-editor-in-chief of this *Journal*, passed away peacefully at 14:20 on Sunday, January 12, 2003, after nearly twenty months of hospitalization. He is survived by his wife and his three daughters. The funeral services for him were held on the morning of January 17, 2003, at Babao Shan in Beijing.

Professor Wang was born on July 6, 1913. He was educated at the National Tsinghua University and London School of Economics and Political Science. He served, most recently, as a professor of international law at Peking University and the founding director of the International Law Institute of Peking University, the President of the Chinese Society of International Law, a judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration. He was also a member and then honorary member of *l'Institut de Droit International* and a fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science.¹

Professor Wang's death is a tremendous, indeed, irredeemable loss to the Chinese community of international law and to the world legal community as well. His exemplary service to international law in China had been life long and multi-dimensional, characterized by his love for teaching and for his students. Professor Wang was a builder of libraries and institutions; he was a builder of international relationships and exchanges.

Professor Wang's career was one of remarkable and inspiring perseverance through adversity. In spite of inconceivable sufferings that might have deterred many, perhaps most, others, he had adhered to his commitment to the ideals of scholarship and to the high aspiration of developing the science of international law in China.

For many years he served as the co-editor-in-chief and then editor-in-chief of the *Chinese Yearbook of International Law* (published in Chinese). He also cherished the dream of publishing in English a *Chinese Journal of International Law*. This dream was finally realized 2002 and he served as co-editor-in-chief of this *Journal* until shortly after the debut of the inaugural issue, when he passed away. It was his foresight, his persistence, and his constant reminding that have made this *Journal* possible.

¹ The spelling of the name of this Academy is taken from its homepage, <http://www.worldacademy.org/>.

Professor Wang combined a life-long scholarly and professional interest in international law with a vision of a world community spanning continents and cultures and working towards peace, equality and justice for all humankind. His writings on the Third World and international law have been well received and excerpted for use in law school course books. His outstanding contributions to his country and to the international community together with his invariable cheerfulness and his wonderful sense of humor have won the affection of many, culminating in two collections of essays² in his honor, and will long be remembered, valued, and emulated.

May he rest in peace.

² Ronald St. J. Macdonald (ed.), *Essays in honour of Wang Tieya* (Nijhoff, 1994), *VIII*; 964 pp.; Ronald St. J. Macdonald (ed.), *Professor Wang Tieya: Our Dear Friend and Colleague*, in: 4 *Journal of the History of International Law* (2002), 139-246.