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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

As this issue of the Bulletin was belatedly being prepared for publication, we were saddened to learn of the death of one of our retired members, James S. K. Tung, Curator-Emeritus of the Gest Oriental Library and the East Asian Collections of Princeton University. Mr. Tung passed away on December 23, 1982, at the Princeton Medical Center. On January 14, 1983, a memorial service was held in the Princeton University Chapel, at which remarks in memoriam were presented by Professor Marion J. Levy, Jr. and Vice-President for Public Affairs Robert K. Durkee, both of Princeton University, and by Dr. Eugene Wu, Librarian, Harvard-Yenching Library.

At the request of the CEAL Chairperson, who was unable to be present at the service, Dr. Wu also delivered the following message:

On behalf of the many members of the Committee on East Asian Libraries who have had the privilege of knowing James S. K. Tung as a colleague and friend, and who have benefitted from our association with him over the years, I wish to express our profound sorrow at the news of his passing and to pay tribute to his many major achievements as a scholar and librarian. Not the least of his contributions to East Asian librarianship were the distinguished leadership he afforded to our organization while he served as its chairperson in 1973-1974, and the inspiration he provided to his colleagues. By virtue of his personal example, he set for us the highest standards of devotion and dedication to our profession. It is for these personal qualities, as well as for his many more public accomplishments, that we shall continue to honor and respect his name.

Mr. Tung's career and his accomplishments up to the time of his retirement as Curator of the Gest Oriental Library in 1977 were summarized in an article by Maureen Donovan, which appeared in issue no. 53 (July 1977) of the Bulletin (pp. 57-59).

(Richard C. Howard)