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In Memoriam

Professor Raymond Wei-Hsing Chu

The Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library community is saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Raymond Wei-Hsing Chu (朱維信) who for close to 40 years until 2000 first worked as the first Head of the East Asian Library, and later as a Professor of Chinese in the Department of East Asian Studies. He passed away on November 27, 2021.

In September 1963, a professional librarian, Raymond Wei-Hsing Chu was appointed to head the East Asiatic Studies Library (the former name of the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library) to head library operations as the library became part of the University of Toronto Library system. From 1963 to 1974, under the dedicated leadership of Professor Chu, the East Asiatic Studies Library was able to greatly strengthen its collection in support of modern China Studies. In 1974, he moved on to take up a full-time teaching position at the Department of East Asian Studies. Among numerous publications, in 1973 he co-authored "[The East Asian Library Collection in the University of Toronto](#)" in *Pacific Affairs*. Professor Chu made essential and lasting contributions to the development in the early foundational years of the East Asian Library.



Professor Raymond Wei-Hsing Chu

He was a Professor Emeritus in the Department of East Asian Studies at the University of Toronto.

Please keep Professor Chu's family, friends, and colleagues in your thoughts. We extend our deepest condolences to Professor Raymond Wei-Hsing Chu's legion of students and admirers, as well as to his family.

*Submitted by Hana Kim
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