



IN CELEBRATION OF PRESIDENT CHIEN SHIH-LIANG
ON HIS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY

Dr. S.L. Chien (錢思亮), President of Academia Sinica, Chairman of Atomic Energy Council, Member of Committee for Science Development, National Security Council, and Member of National Science Council, was born on January 9, 1908 at Hsi Chuan, Honan, China. His native place was Hangchow, Chekiang, China. This issue of the Botanical Bulletin is dedicated to him with our highest regards in recognition of his contribution and academic leadership to science and education.

President Chien received his B.S. degree in Chemistry from the National Tsinghua University in 1931, then went to the U.S.A. to pursue his advanced studies. He received his M.S. degree in 1932 and Ph. D. in 1934 from the University of Illinois. In the spring of 1934, he was elected to membership of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. In the summer of 1934, Dr. Chien returned to China to begin his teaching and research career as Professor of Chemistry at the National University of Peking. After the Sino-Japanese war broke out in 1937, he moved with the University to Kunming, Yunnan and joined the National Southwestern Associate University. After the war was over, he returned to Peiping and became Professor and Head of the Chemistry Department, National University of Peking in 1946.

In early 1949, when Peiping was besieged by the communists, Dr. Chien took the last plane, sent over by the Ministry of Education, to Nanking, where he was asked by Dr. Ssu-nien Fu, then President of National Taiwan University to come to Taiwan and join the faculty of the University. He was soon appointed Dean of Studies in February, 1949, and then became President of the University in March 1951. During this period, Dr. Chien also directed many academic activities; two of which were: President of Chinese Chemical Society, 1951-1953; President of Chinese Society for the Advancement of National Sciences, 1952-1953. It was in June 1970 that Dr. Chien left the National Taiwan University and assumed Presidency of Academia Sinica.

In addition to his outstanding teaching and academic leadership, Dr. Chien has been very actively involved in research work during the early years of his career. His scientific publications have appeared in both domestic and international journals. His main research work has been concerned with the "Effect of substituents on the germicidal activity of phenols; Stereochemistry of diphenyls; Synthesis of some halogenated thiocresols," etc. He was elected Member of Academia Sinica in 1964.

Dr. Chien has three sons and each one of them has attained very high standard of educational excellence and each is making eminent contribution in his own field of endeavor.

It is impossible to list all of Dr. Chien's prominent performances; however, he has exerted great effort in accelerating the scientific development in the Republic of China and has made great contribution in the direction of teaching and research in his country. On this happy occasion of his seventieth birthday, the members of Institute of Botany express to Dr. Chien their best regards.

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