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Professor LI Fang-kuei, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., D.Litt

Professor LI Fang-kuei is one of the most renowned linguists in the world today. He graduated from the University of Michigan, and received M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago. Michigan University honoured him with a D.Litt. degree, *honoris causa*, four years ago. Over a span of nearly half a century Professor LI has been a fellow of the Academia Sinica's Institute of History and Philology, a professor at the University of Washington at Seattle and at the University of Hawaii, and a visiting professor at Yenching, Harvard and Yale Universities. His research and teaching in linguistics, anthropology and the Chinese Language has enlightened a great many students, Chinese and foreign, who had the privilege of studying under him.

A scholar of extraordinarily wide interests, Professor LI's field of research covers a number of Indian dialects as well as the Tibetan, Thai and Chinese languages. He has published widely in the field of Linguistics, exerting a profound influence on his academic confreres. As a member of the Academic Advisory Board of Humanities since the University's inauguration, Professor LI has made great contributions to the development of this University's humanities programme.

In recognition of his brilliant academic achievements, this University recommends Professor LI Fang-kuei to Your Excellency for the conferment of the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

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