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Nobel Laureate Y T Lee shares his experience with NTU students and staff
- Institute of Advanced Studies has plans for more visits by Nobel Laureates

Nobel Laureate Professor Lee Yuan-Tseh will deliver this year’s first Institute of Advanced Studies’ Nobel Laureate Public Lecture at NTU today. His talk, titled “My experience of becoming a scientist”, will be delivered in Mandarin and English. He will share his experiences and insights on his self-development and achievements as a scientist.

Prof Lee won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1986 for his research into the finer molecular details of chemical reactions. He is currently the President of Academia Sinica, Taiwan’s premier research institute. For his work and contributions, Prof Lee has received many awards over the years. (Please refer to attached factsheet for Prof Lee’s CV).

Prof Lee is here at the invitation of NTU’s Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS). The Institute was set up in July 2005 to pursue excellence in science and technology at the highest level. Prof YT Lee’s talk is the first IAS’ Nobel Laureate Public Lecture this year.

Four more Nobel Laureates will visit this year to share their expertise with faculty, students and the wider community. Such visits by Nobel Laureates and other eminent scientists will be a regular feature at NTU. There will also be a series of workshops by top scientists, the first will be held next month.

Other than public lectures, academics and students at NTU have been working and learning from prominent scientists. Two of our academics are working closely with Nobel Laureates Prof Douglas Osheroff and Prof Steve Chu, on separate research projects, while eminent scientists Prof Tom Hou from Caltech and Prof Kerson Huang from MIT taught classes here at NTU. IAS will continue to set up such opportunities.
Dr Su Guaning, President, NTU, said: “We're very proud to host Professor YT Lee here at NTU. We are most privileged to benefit from his experience. Science at the highest level is critical in making NTU a top science and technological university in the world. Through IAS, our academics and students will get to listen to, interact with and even work closely with the best brains in science. Such experiences will not only deepen our research and learning, but also inspire us all to reach for the top. "

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