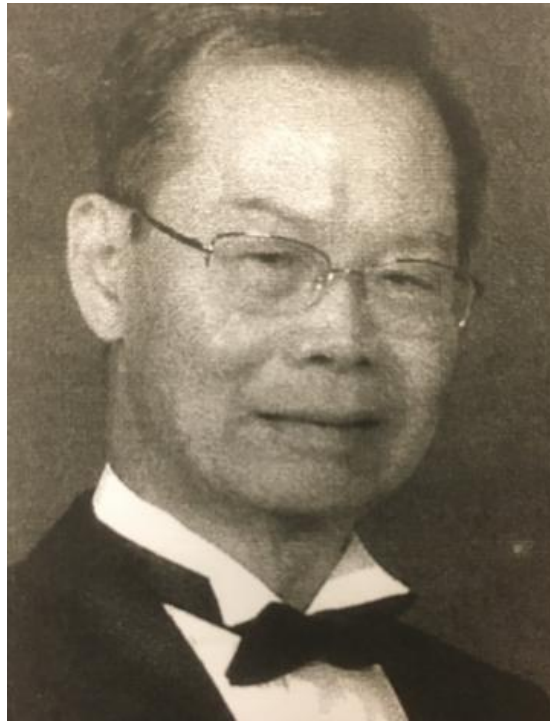


PETER CHINGHORN LIN, Ph.D.

(August 30, 1936-October 17, 2019)



Words of appreciation at the funeral service on November 3, 2019 at Beechwood National Cemetery, Ottawa, by David Kilgour:

Your Excellency, family and friends of Peter,

It is an honour to speak at this event to celebrate the life of dear Peter, whose life was tragically shortened by an accident a few weeks ago.

The deepest sympathy of all of us goes to Mei-ling, Felicia and Petrina.

He and I met years ago out of a common concern for Taiwan and its people. We visited the country together.

What an amazing life Peter led:

- Born and raised in rural Taiwan, he studied agricultural economics at Chung Hsing University;
- He arrived in America with 2 suitcases and \$200 in 1963, and went on to earn a PhD in the same field at the University of Wisconsin in 1968;
- Peter and Mei-ling met later in Taiwan and married the following year;
- The couple then moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, where he taught economics, and Felicia was born;
- The three of them moved to Ottawa in 1972, where Peter joined Statistics Canada—long one of the Government of Canada's most respected agencies—and worked for 20 years, becoming its senior economist. Petrina was born in Ottawa, which we hope is warmer than Fairbanks;
- In 1995, He retired early from Stats Canada and returned to Taiwan to become Professor and director

of the Institute of Economics at National Sun Yat-sen University in Taiwan until 2001;

- From mid-2001 until 2007, Peter was National Policy Advisor to Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian;
- During some of this period, he was also Director of the Graduate Institute of Business and Management at Kao-yuan University and then Dean of its College of Business and Management;
- In mid-2008, he and Mei-ling retired for the second time and returned to Canada, where they could spend time with their two beloved grandchildren, Griffin and Caia, who are here today.

Both in Taiwan and Ottawa, I was struck by how much those associated with Peter loved and respected him.

It is because of exemplary citizens like dear Peter Lin that Canada has become an oasis of so many good people and institutions in the world today.

May he rest in God's peace now after a life very well lived in Taiwan, the United States, and Canada.

Thank you.