

In Memoriam: Professor Ray Wu

In memory of Dr. Ray Wu

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I want to thank Professor Jiang Chengyu from Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences for inviting me to participate in Ray Wu memorial seminar. Here I only want to write down some of my feelings on my several contacts with Academician Ray Wu.

On Ray Wu memorial seminar, Professor Gu Xiaocheng discoursed on the deeds of Academician Ray Wu and spoke highly on his contributions on helping with the education of the Chinese biochemistry postgraduates. I appreciate and agree very much on these comments. My relationship with CUSBEA (China-United States Biochemistry Examination and Application) originated from an English test paper for CUSBEA to evaluate the applicants' aptitude for graduate work. However, the paper was not exclusively used for this project.

From 1978 to 1988, Professor T. D. Lee of Columbia University launched a Sino-U.S. physics cooperated project, CUSPEA (China-United States Physics Examination and Application), for cultivating Chinese college graduates to study in the American universities. At that time, TOEFL and GRE tests were unknown to China. As head of the Department of Foreign Languages of the Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, I worked out an English test paper for the said project and named it CUSPEA English proficiency Test. The qualified candidates still needed to

take an oral test given by the American professor who was responsible of designing the physics test paper. His wife, if accompanied him to Beijing, often would taken part in this activity.

CUSBEA started in the year 1981. The English test was given each year at the same time when the biochemistry exam was performed. I, therefore, had the opportunity to make Academician Ray Wu's acquaintance. His serious attitude towards his work made a profound impression on me.

In the early 1990s, I got a chance to go back to Cornell University with a delegation of the Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Sciences. Academician Ray Wu warmly showed us to his Biochemistry Department. I remember he said to us proudly, "See, the assistants and students here are all from China!" Upon hearing his words, all the members of our delegation were deeply moved by his heartfelt love of his motherland. Even today, I could vividly recall his voice when he uttered these words.

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