

國立成功大學

## Calling for Nominations of New Leadership Positions for National Cheng Kung University

- Director of the National Science Council (NSC) National

Center for Theoretical Science (South) -

- 國科會國家理論科學研究中心(南區)主任 -

- Dean of the College of Electrical Engineering and

Computer Science -

電機資訊學院院長 -

- Dean of the College of Bioscience and Biotechnology -

- 生物科學與科技學院院長 -

- Dean of the College of Social Science -

- 社會科學院院長 -

The term of appointment for these positions is four years and renewable for an additional term is possible. We welcome nominations and/or self-nomination for

*these positions.* Please send nominations to Ms. Layla Lee of the Office of the Senior Executive Vice President at Layla@sevp.ncku.edu.tw.

In recent years, National Cheng Kung University, one of the two leading comprehensive research intensive universities of Taiwan, entered a transformational period. It is designated by the Ministry of Education to receive \$57 million US annually for five year of additional "funds for excellence," which is administered by MOE as the so-called national policy of "5 years 50 billion New Taiwan Dollars" (which is approximately \$1.7 Billion US) for higher education project (五年五百億元 邁向頂尖大學計畫.) As a result, the new and visionary leadership team, led by Academician Michael M. C. Lai, M.D., Ph.D., President of NCKU (成大校長賴明詔 院士,) is respectfully requesting assistance from colleagues worldwide to identify globally minded and connected, intellectually astute and active and administratively robust and experienced professionals to lead three of the Colleges and an NSC Research Institute to further spur the university pursuit of excellence and relevance in Asia Pacific and the world in the coming decade.

Director of the NSC National Center for Theoretical Science (South): Theoretical science is pervasive and fundamental in nearly all fields of intellectual efforts of today. To this end, the leadership of NCKU is greatly pleased that NSC sees it fitting to establish one such center in NCKU. It is one of the three NSC's Theoretical Science Centers in Taiwan located on NCKU campus. This center was initiated in 2004 when NSC decided to expand the original center located on National Tsinghua University's campus into three centers: one in the North, located on National Taiwan University's campus and one in the South, located on NCKU's campus. With palpable support of the then administration, the South Center was bestowed a refurbished building with excellent facilities. The new Director, who will also be a full professor in one of the relevant departments within the university, will be the intellectual and administrative leader of the Southern Center. Administrative, he/she will report directly to NCKU President, will be the liaison with other leaders within NCKU as well as external (national and global) institutions and will be responsible for the recruitment and growth of the Center.

*Dean of the College of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science:* Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) are not only the life-lines of NCKU, they are also the life-lines of Taiwan economy. Since the mid-sixties, as Asia Pacific started its economic transformation, NCKU's graduates in these disciplines have become the backbone of this transformation worldwide, many are whose-who of the

world of EECS. Today, College of EECS is still a vital and robust intellectual center of the university, with internationally known faculty, where eight faculty members are IEEE Fellows, and state-of-the-art facilities. However, with rapid and imminent global challenges, there is no doubt that even EECS will require certain and/or significant amount of reinvention. The new Dean, who will also be a full professor in the College, will be the intellectual and administrative leader of the College, will report directly to NCKU President, will be the liaison with other relevant leaders within NCKU as well as external (national and global) institutions and will be responsible for the recruitment and growth of the College.

Dean of the College of Bioscience and Biotechnology: Bioscience and biotechnology are sometimes referred to globally as the "science of the 21<sup>st</sup> century." While this may be an overstatement, it is nevertheless true that to vigorously pursue this area of science and technology, from "green" to "life," must be a high, if not the highest, priority of a research intensive university. To this end, NCKU, with one of the strongest engineering colleges in Taiwan, a large and full scale medical college, accompanied by two state-of-the-art teaching hospitals serving the entire southern part of Taiwan, and a fast growing science college, initiated in 2005 the College of Bioscience and Biotechnology. Led by the founding Dean Academician Wen-Chang Chang, the College has grown in breadth and depth in the past four years. With the departure of Dean Chang to assume the position of Vice Minister of the National Science Council, the university is now seeking a new dean to lead this College in the new century. The new Dean, who will also be a full professor in the College, will be the intellectual and administrative leader of the College, will report directly to NCKU President, will be the liaison with other relevant leaders within NCKU as well as external (national and global) institutions and will be responsible for the recruitment and growth of the College.

*Dean of the College of Social Science:* Established in 1997, the College of Social Science is becoming one of the fast growing and intellectually robust colleges of NCKU. Also, the college will soon be housed in a brand new building, which is adjacent to NCKU's college of medicine. The current components of the College include some of the more traditional disciplines of this exciting areas of intellectual pursues, such as political science, political economics, economics, cognitive science and education research. It is also the venue for public affairs and public policies research, two areas that are receiving increasing attention and support throughout major universities in Asia Pacific. The new Dean, who will also be a full professor in

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## About National Cheng Kung University.

NCKU is located in the ancient city of Tainan, which is approximately 250 kilimeters south of Taipei. It is connected to all major cities in Taiwan by the recently initiated state-of-the-art Taiwan High Speed Rail. With three quarters of a century of distinguished history, with well over 130,000 powerful alumni now dotting the globe, many have achieved supreme successes in arts, business, education, science, technology and healthcare and are ready and willing to assist, with 22,000 academic selective students and 1200 academically significant faculty members currently, both have healthy dosage of international flavor, with enormous regional support, and with a permeating culture of proactive intellectual growth on the world's stage, NCKU in Tainan, Taiwan, has evolved from its engineering genesis to become a powerful comprehensive, research and international university in Asia Pacific.