

## **Professor Chang Lay Nam (1943 – 2020)**

It is with sadness that we learn of the demise of the eminent physicist, Professor Chang Lay Nam, the founding dean of the Virginia Tech College of Science, at the age of 77 on December 10, 2020. Our sincere condolences to his family.

An Honorary Senior Fellow of the Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), he had been a strong supporter of the scientific programs at IAS.

Prof Chang was our distinguished speaker at the IAS@NTU Conference in Honor of CN Yang's 85th Birthday: Statistical Physics, High Energy, Condensed Matter and Mathematical Physics (31 October to 3 November 2007). He delivered a talk on "Consequences in Physical Systems of a Fundamental Minimal Length" at the conference. The event was attended by distinguished scientists from around the world including several Nobel Laureates.



A passionate advocate of science, he also gave a lecture on "An Integrative Approach to Science Pedagogy" at the IAS@NTU – Institute of Physics (UK) Joint Workshop on Physics Education: Envisioning Physics Education for the 21st Century (5 to 6 September 2016). He shared some details of the Virginia Tech curriculum in which students interested in majoring in science were offered the option of signing up for a two-year sequence following an Integrated Science Curriculum, which emphasized the unity of various science disciplines.

Rest in peace, Professor Chang Lay Nam!