

Prof Chen-Ning Yang, one of the first Asian Nobel Laureates, was awarded the 1957 Nobel Prize in Physics at the young age of 35 for the work on parity non-conservation of weak interaction. He had been a strong supporter of the scientific programs in NTU. In 1967, he attended an international conference at Nanyang University's Department of Physics. In 1971, he was appointed External Examiner for the Department of Physics at Nanyang University.



Prof Yang exchanging views with young students during a visit to Nanyang University in 1976.

In July 2006, when NTU organised the 37th International Physics Olympiad, Prof Yang delivered two inspiring lectures titled "*Symmetry and Physics*" and "*My Life*" to students and faculty at NTU. At that event, he also launched the NTU's CN Yang Scholars Programme for talented undergraduates who exhibited deep passion for Science and Technology.

As a tribute to Prof Yang on the occasion of his 85th Birthday and to celebrate his pioneering contributions to physics, IAS NTU organised the "*Conference on Statistical Physics, High Energy, Condensed Matter and Mathematical Physics*" from 31 October to 3 November 2007 which was graced by then Minister for Education, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam.



Prof and Mrs Yang at the 2007 Conference, flanked by Prof Su Guanqing on the right (then NTU President).

In 2010, Prof Yang visited NTU for half a month. He delivered the talk “*Some Problems in Cold Atom Research*” at the Conference in Honour of Nobel Laureate Murray Gell-Mann’s 80th Birthday (24 to 26 February 2010). In addition, he gave a special lecture “*An Interesting Parlor Game and Its Meaning*” to NTU students on 27 February 2010, and a reminiscent public lecture “*Reflections on Returning to My Roots: Six Years after moving to Tsinghua*” on 4 March 2010.

In 2014, at the OCPA8 (International Organisation of Chinese Physicists and Astronomers) International Conference on Physics Education and Frontier Physics (23 to 27 June 2014) at NTU, Prof Yang gave the lecture “*Conceptual Origin of Maxwell Equation and Field Theory*”. He also shared his *Experience as a Student and Researcher* over a public lecture on 25 June 2014.

At the special conference “*60 Years of Yang-Mills Gauge Field Theories: CN Yang’s Contributions to Physics*” organised by IAS NTU from 25 to 28 May 2015, Prof Yang shared an insightful talk “*Remembrance of Early Days of Particle Physics*”. He also delivered the public lecture “*The Future of Physics - Revisited*” on 25 May 2015 during his visit.



Prof Yang reminiscing about the early days of particle physics.

In 2017, IAS NTU organised the *Conference on 90 Years of Quantum Mechanics* from 23 to 26 January. Prof Yang could not be present in-person due to health considerations but he gave a video recorded talk of his views on Quantum Mechanics.

A fervent supporter of education, Prof Yang engaged in lively discussions with the NTU CN Yang Scholars whenever he visited Singapore. Our scholars were indeed privileged to be able to rub shoulders with the eminent Nobel Laureate over three special occasions organised by IAS NTU on 3 Mar 2010, 23 June 2014 and 27 May 2015.



CN Yang Scholars' Interactive discussion with Prof Yang in 2014.