

Seminar On

Recollections of three Pathbreakers in Electronic Engineering Education in Hong Kong

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Abstract

While the name Charles Kao is widely known among current students and faculty members of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Departments in Hong Kong, the names Chih-Fan Chen and David Johns are probably unknown to many of them.

The author is perhaps the only living person who had the good fortune of working under all three pioneers. This talk is a personal tribute to their pathbreaking contributions to electronic engineering education in Hong Kong, drawing from personal experiences in the 1970's and 1980's, when electronic engineering curricula and electronics industry in Hong Kong were developing. The talk is illustrated with rare photos of the three pathbreakers.

Biography

Kai Fong Lee (Ph.D. Cornell) is Dean Emeritus, School of Engineering and Professor Emeritus, Electrical Engineering, at the Univ. of Mississippi, where he served from 2001 to 2011. Before Mississippi, he held academic and research positions at several institutions in the USA and Hong Kong, including the founding head of the Dept. of Electronic Eng. at City Univ. of Hong Kong. An IEEE Life Fellow, he was recipient of the 2009 John Kraus Antenna Award of the IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society. His technical publications on plasma physics and antennas include 200 journal papers, 199 conference papers, two textbooks and one Edited book.

Although retired since 2011, Professor Lee taught short courses at CityU in 2011 and at National University of Singapore in 2012 and served as one of two guest editors for the July 2012 IEEE Proceedings Special Issue on Antennas in Wireless Communications. He took up writing book reviews in 2021. The books he has reviewed range from biographies, history, science, literature/fiction, leadership/philosophy, music and art. He created the website kaifonglee.com for his reviews (98 reviews so far). In 2024, he started posting “musings on music” on his YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@kaifonglee9167>. There are currently 244 posts on the music of various composers.

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