

Dr. Elbert Y.C. Shih received his doctoral degree at SIU in 1976. Dr. Shih has taught in Taiwan and Hong Kong since his departure from the United States. He recently retired from the Faculty of Business Administration in the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He was appointed Chair of the Finance Department, which emerged on its own as a distinct department of the Faculty. He held this position until 1998.

A large part of Dr. Shih's activities focused on recruitment from the U.S., especially from the AEA-AFA conference. Indeed, most faculty members were recruited from the U.S. The departments offered term appointments of one to two years, but many stayed on after the duration of their contract. Some term members that stayed on became prominent in their fields and have many publications to their credit.

Despite deep budget cuts from the Hong Kong government, the University sponsors many degree program courses such as quantitative finance, insurance and actuarial analysis and general finance. The self-funded MS program proffers some needed relief from the fiscal pressure. The department's EMBA program was ranked by the Financial Times among the top twenty programs; an impressive feat, considering the budget difficulties.

Dr. Shih specializes in the Chinese economy and Asian nations, and his research areas are international trade and financial management. His work has appeared primarily in regional journals and U.S. publications. We are pleased to report his success.