

The Bodhi Stand



Professor Wang Ling

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As Dharma Realm Buddhist University takes forward strides to revise and expand its academic programs, it has a constant flow of visiting scholars and professors who come to share their knowledge and wisdom with the University community. Professor Wang Ling is no stranger to the University. In 1982 he stayed at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas for four months, during which he delivered a series of lectures on the history of Chinese science and civilization. Professor Wang returned to the City in August, 1988. During that time he taught a community-wide lecture series on the History of Chinese Science and Technology, as well as a reading course in Classical Chinese.

Professor Wang received his Degree from National Central University of China (1940), and his Doctorate from Cambridge University, U.K.(1956), in the Department of History. From 1946 to 1957, he collaborated with Dr. Joseph Needham to write *Science And Civilization In China*. He was also co-author with Dr. Needham and Derek Price of the book, *Heavenly Clockwork*. He has also read papers at various international scientific symposia, and his articles have been published in journals world-wide.

Professor Wang has been involved in education for forty years. He taught at Fudan University in China (1944-1946), Cambridge University (1954), and Canberra University College, in Australia (from 1958 to 1982, the year of his retirement). He has also been a visiting professor at Cornell University, Wisconsin University, and the University of Washington in Seattle, lecturing on Classical Chinese and the history of Chinese Science. He has served as a member of the Commission for Social Relations of History and Science in Paris (1948-1956), and is a corresponding member of the International Academy of the History of Science, Paris (from 1956 to the present).

Before his return to England, Professor Wang said to the great assembly on November 25, 1988:

"I'll take this opportunity to say to you all how happy I have been to be with you. This place is just simply fantastic. It's so different from the outside world. Everybody works for others. They take delight in helping others. In this world, even in such organizations, it's very rare. Wherever I go I can never forget this, now that I have been here. I have been ever so happy. Not many places now in the world are like this."