

法大前任校長祖炳民病逝加州 終身推動教育不遺餘力

Prof. John B. Tsu, Former Chancellor of DRBU, Passed Away in California

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法界佛教大學前任校長與董事祖炳民教授於2月26日晚間病逝加州，享年81歲。祖教授曾是在于斌樞機主教的支持者。當于樞機主教與宣公上人會面時，于樞機答應做一個佛教天主教徒，而上人也應允做天主教佛教徒。有此佳話後，祖教授便經常來萬佛聖城親近宣公上人，並保持與上人通電話，請益時事。身為共和黨華裔大老，他曾安排老布希總統與上人在舊金山見面。

祖教授1924年出生吉林，曾留學日本，獲東京大學法學院法學位，隨後來美國留學，1949年獲華府喬治城大學外國事務碩士學位，後再獲紐約復敦大學政治學博士學位，並隨即獲得賓夕凡尼亞州匹茲堡都肯大學聘為政治系副教授，1956年轉任新澤西州西東大學政治學教授，並同期在該校文理學院內創立亞洲學系，出任系主任。

祖教授終生是教育家，於新澤西州西東大學、三藩市大學和史丹佛大學的胡佛學院(當時是訪問學者)，教授政治學、亞洲研究和多文化教育。1956年轉任西東大學政治學教授，並同期在該校文理學院內創立亞洲學系，出任系主



Prof. Tsu (far right), with the Venerable Master Hua and other guests at the Grand Opening of the City of the Dharma Realm in Sacramento, May 29, 1994
祖教授(最右位)與上人及來賓攝於1994年5月29日沙加緬度法界聖城開幕典禮

Prof. John B. Tsu, a former Chancellor and Director on the Board of Dharma Realm Buddhist University (DRBU), passed away on the evening of February 26 in California at the

age of 81. Prof. Tsu had been a major supporter of Paul Cardinal Yu Bin. When the Cardinal met the Venerable Master Hua, he promised to be a Buddhist Catholic and the Master promised to be a Catholic Buddhist. Since that time, Prof. Tsu also drew near the Venerable Master and conversed with him by phone regularly to discuss current affairs. As a major Asian American leader in the Republican Party, Prof. Tsu arranged for President Bush Sr. to meet the Master in San Francisco.

Prof. Tsu was born in Jilin (Manchuria) in 1924. He studied in Japan and received his LL.B. degree from Tokyo University. He came to the U.S. to pursue graduate studies and in 1949 received a M.A. degree in Foreign Affairs from Georgetown University and later a Ph.D. in Political Science from Fordham University.

Dr. Tsu was a lifelong educator. He was a professor of Political Science, Asian Studies, and Multicultural Education at Seton Hall University, the University of San Francisco, and the Hoover Institution at Stanford



Prof. Tsu cutting the cake at the Grand Opening of the DRBA Headquarters in Burlingame, May 28, 1994

1994年5月28日法總柏林根總辦公室開幕典禮上 祖教授切蛋糕



任。1988年他加入約翰甘迺迪大學，並在該校成立亞太學院，擔任院長，隨後又服務於該校的管理董事會。

五〇年代，祖教授在紐約期間，即積極從事社區服務，在公立學校推動亞太語言教育。在美國政壇，他也為促進亞太裔融入全國、州立或地方性的主流社會不遺餘力、貢獻良多的先鋒。1989年老布希總統指派祖博士任總統人事顧問委員會的副主席。在其職權下，為布希-奎爾行政組織引薦150位以上的亞裔任職。自2001年起，祖博士出任老布希總統顧問委員會亞太裔的主席。

祖教授去年秋天臥病，老布希及小布希總統都曾特別寫信慰問。

University, where he was a visiting scholar. As a professor of Political Science at the Seton Hall University, he established the Department of Asian Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences and served as its Chair. In 1988, he joined the John F. Kennedy University, where he established and directed the school's Asian Pacific Institute and later served as a Regent.

In the 1950s, he was a leading advocate for the teaching of Asian languages in public schools, and he has been a pioneer of increasing Asian participation in mainstream American politics at the national, state, and local levels. In 1989, President George H. Bush appointed Dr. Tsu as Co-chair of his Presidential Personnel Advisory Committee. In this capacity, Dr. Tsu recommended more than 150 Asian Americans for positions in the Bush-Quayle administration. Starting in 2001, Dr. Tsu served as the Chair of President George H. Bush's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

After Dr. Tsu became ill in the fall, the senior President Bush and President Bush Jr. both wrote letters to express their best wishes.



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