

## Taiwanese Professor Recognized for Innovation in Environmental Education

Dr. Chang was a pioneering influence for the passage of Taiwan's 2011 Environmental Education Act

[Taipei City, Taiwan, 10/28/2019] Dr. Tzu-Chau Chang was recognized by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) with the Pepe Marcos-Iga Award for Innovation in Environmental Education.

Chang has worked with Taiwan's Ministry of Education to pass several sustainability programs for school campuses and served on a task force to prevent and mitigate natural disasters through education. The award recognized his crucial role in advancing environmental education policy in Taiwan, most notably the passing of the Environmental Education Act in 2011.

"The Taiwan Environmental Education Act was designed to lead a large-scale social paradigm shift from striving for abundance to fighting for sustainability," said Chang.

Chang is a professor at the Graduate Institute of Environmental Education of National Taiwan Normal University and serves as an advisor to the Taiwanese government on the development of environmental education teaching materials. He also serves as the President of the Chinese Society of Environmental Education and as a delegate for the Global Environmental Education Partnership.

The Pepe Marcos-Iga Award for Innovation in Environmental Education honors the legacy of Dr. Pepe Marcos-Iga, an unwavering advocate for the field of environmental who served as NAAEE's president and board member. Marcos-Iga passed away in 2018, and Dr. Chang is the second recipient of the award.

"Dr. Tzu-Chau Chang has pioneered changes in Taiwan that will impact generations to come," said Judy Braus, Director of NAAEE. "He honors Dr. Pepe Marcos-Iga's legacy as a passionate supporter for environmental education and an inspiring leader working to create a more sustainable and just global society."

This award was presented at NAAEE's 48th Annual Conference in Lexington, KY with 10 other awards that recognize exemplary individuals and organizations in the field of environmental education.

### *About NAAEE*

For nearly five decades, the [North American Association for Environmental Education](#) has led efforts to use the power of education to advance environmental literacy and civic engagement and create a more equitable and sustainable future. NAAEE supports a network of more than 20,000 educators and 56 state, regional, and provincial affiliate organizations working in environmental education in more than 30 countries.

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