EXHIBIT IN HONOR & MEMORY OF PROFESSOR CH'EN SHOU-YI (1899-1978)

ON DISPLAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2024







Please join us for an exhibition at the Asian Library gallery honoring Professor Ch'en Shou-yi (Chinese: 陳受頤, 1899-1978), a pioneer and founding figure of the Asian Studies Program at Pomona College and The Claremont Colleges.

Professor Ch'en was a Chinese-American scholar known for his groundbreaking contributions to comparative cultural studies involving China and the West. After joining the faculty of Pomona College in 1941 as a professor of Chinese culture, he expanded the Asian Studies Program across Pomona College and the rest of The Claremont Colleges consortium. Ch'en dedicated his academic life to cultivating researchers on China among young Americans and, as part of these efforts, became a great benefactor of The Claremont Colleges Library, donating 4,000 Chinese and English rare books to the Asian Library during his lifetime and by bequest.

This exhibit features photographs, correspondence, manuscripts and publications documenting Professor Ch'en's significant contributions to the development of Asian Studies at The Claremont Colleges and beyond. The items on display are drawn from the Asian Library's newly processed Ch'en Shou-yi Papers, which were donated by Professor Ch'en's family. Funding for the processing of this archival collection was generously provided by Christopher C. Rand (POM '70), one of Professor Ch'en's students.

Exhibit Information



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