BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME: Cheng, Li-Rong Lilly

POSITION TITLE: Professor, School of Speech, Languages and Hearing Sciences

EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	Completion Date	FIELD OF STUDY
National Taiwan University, Taiwan	BA	1968	English and Spanish
Southern Illinois University, IL	MA	1969	Linguistics
Michigan State University, MI	MA	1973	Speech Pathology
Courses completed Michigan State University, MI	PH.D.	1973	Linguistics
Claremont Graduate School, San Diego State University, CA	PH.D.	1983	Speech Pathology and Multicultural Education

Dr. Li-Rong Lilly Cheng is the Founding Director of the Chinese Cultural Center at San Diego State University. She served as Professor in the School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences and Executive Director of Chinese Studies Institute at SDSU. Professor Cheng served as a member of the board of trustees of the Campanile Foundation of SDSU. She is the past chair of the Multicultural Issues Board for the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) and the chair of the Education Committee for the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (IALP- The International Association of Communication Sciences and Disorders). She is a Fellow of ASHA and received the Honors of ASHA. She served as the past president of IALP. She was the founder of the Asian Pacific Islander Caucus of ASHA. She has dedicated her life to education with a focus on the children, women,underserved and unserved. She has provided professional and humanitarian assistance and resources to individuals, schools, clinics and groups with special needs including deafness, autism spectrum disorders, speech and language disorders and disability across the lifespan across the globe.

Dr. Cheng served as the Chair of the Medical Assurance Board of the State of California and Board Member of the California Health Foundation. She served as the Chair of the International Affairs Board of the City of San Diego and the Chair of the Asian Pacific Historical Thematic District. She serves on the Board of Jewish Family Service of San Diego and the Historical Resource Board of the City of San Diego.

Professor Cheng was the past President of the Phi Beta Delta Chapter at SDSU. She has received many awards from SDSU and professional organizations. She was selected as the outstanding alumnus of Michigan State University. Dr. Cheng is the recipient of the 1997 ASHA Award for special contributions to Multicultural Affairs and the recipient of the 2002 Diversity Award from the California Speech & Hearing Association. She is on the editorial board of several major professional journals. She has numerous professional publications and has lectured all over the world. In 2007, she received the best research article award from Council of Exceptional Children. She has taught Chinese to individuals across the life span in a multitude of settings. In 2010, she received the Humanitarian Award from the Asian Heritage Foundation. She received the 2012 Monty's Award from SDSU. She received the 2013 Diversity Award from CAPCSD. She served as consultant for Sesame Street and Tiffany and Company.

Currently, Dr. Cheng serves as the Chair of the Board of the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum. Professor is the current president of Phi Lambda. Dr. Cheng has published numerous research articles and books on Communication Disorders and Language Learning focusing on the development of an optimal language learning environment (OLLE). She is a frequent keynote speaker on the various topics of speech language pathology and language learning around the world. She advocates for diversity and inclusion and believes strongly that education is a human right.

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES

Certified (Certificate of Clinical Competence, Speech-Language Pathology), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Licensed (Speech-Language Pathology), State of California Board of Medical Assurance.

B. POSITIONS AND HONORS

Positions and Employment

1984 - present	Professor, School of Speech, Languages and Hearing Sciences
2003 - present	Director, Chinese Studies Institute, San Diego State University
2003 - 2013	Chair, Asia Desk, San Diego World Trade Center
2005 - 2011	Co-Chair, Asia Task Force, San Diego State University
2006 - 2015	Chair, San Diego Chinese Historical Museum Board of Directors
2015 -	San Diego Mayor's Asian Pacific Islander Advisory Committee

Other Experience and Professional Memberships

Honors and Keynotes

2013 - 2016	President Elect – International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics
2013	Asian Heritage Award – In recognition of significant contributions to improve the quality of life of individuals with communicative disorders
2013	ASHA Honors, The highest honor of the American Speech Language and Hearing Association
2014	International Symposium on Child Language Disorders, Taiwan
2014	Irish Speech and Hearing Association
2015	Honors, Asian Pacific Society Speech Language and Hearing
2016	President, International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics

C. Contribution to Science

Selected PUBLICATIONS

Cheng, L. (2006) chapter appear in Speech, Language, and hearing Programs in Schools- A Guide for Students and Practitioners. 2nd Edition.

Cheng, L. (2006) Global Perspective of Speech Pathology Education. Folia Phoniatrics et Logopedics.

Cheng, L. (2006) International Guide to Speech Acquisition, Thomson Delmar Learning, New York.

Cheng, L. (2006) Transcription of English Influenced by Selected Asian Languages.

Cheng, L. (2003) chapter appear in Speech, Language and Hearing Programs in the Schools. 2nd Edition.

Selected PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board	Multicultural Perspectives: An Official Publication of the National Association for Multicultural Education
Editorial Board	CSHA Magazine (California Speech Hearing Association)
Editorial Board	Multicultural Perspectives
Editorial Board	IALP: Communicative Disorders Quarterly
Editorial Board	2002, Multicultural Perspectives: Journal of the National Association for Multicultural Education