

Distinguished Officials of the great maple country of Canada, Ambassador Lee, the honored winner of the 12th annual Global Fervent Love of Lives Medal-- Dr. Paul Wong, Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the counsel member of the “Life Education Advisory Committee”, the Ministry of Education, Taiwan, R.O.C., I am very honored to represent the Chou Ta-kuan Cultural and Educational Foundation to present this Medal to our admired mentor and beloved friend – Dr. Paul Wong.

Congratulations to Paul, for he outstands himself from a total of 1899 candidates with great excellence to win this award. Paul is a prestigious scholar, great educator, pastor, and psycho-therapist. His distinguished academic achievements are obvious to us. Any word to elaborate on it is too redundant. But, I ‘d like to refer that Paul has numerous publications. In Chinese, there is a saying to describe a person of such accomplishment. We say his publication is as tall as his height. Furthermore, his Death Attitudes Profile-Revised is very well-known and circulated world-wide and is the most widely used scale in Taiwan. On the personal level, it must be noted that Paul has fought against his cancer with both positive character strength and spirituality. Paul has lived happily and peacefully with each and every moment of his life. In spite of his illness, Paul has managed to devote himself to organize the international meaning conference. He has all the admiration and respect of mine and the academic society of life and death education in Taiwan. In one of his correspondence, he told me “My recovery has been slow because of my age, but I am getting better. I find all my hard work to organize the conference rewarding...” I had tears in my eyes reading that paragraph of his... Paul, it is for sure that you have the combined virtue of the Eastern and the Western culture – the virtue of “Faith, Hope and Love” blended with “Compassion and wisdom”. I would like to state that Paul is a great mentor of human mind. Dear Paul, We are so proud of you!

The Chou Ta-kuan Foundation was founded in 1997. It is

dedicated, by his parents, and their friends and relatives, to a wonderful 10-year-old kid -- Chou Ta-kuan -- a fighter against cancer and also a young poet greatly admired. Within his short-spanned life time, Ta-kuan demonstrated his resilience and wisdom for the love of life. With the appearance of a loving angel, he has the soul to show himself both as a fighter for life and a teacher for hope. Ta-kuan, after having cut off one of his leg, in his poem, said that “I still have one leg left, and I still have one wonderful world to travel around”. The collection of his poem “*I still have one leg*” has been translated into a number of different languages, and has inspired a lot of wounded heart and dejected soul. The tenet of the foundation is derived from the good intention of Ta-kuan -- to advocate the “passion for life, and happiness for life”. The foundation has promoted many “Global passion for global life” activities for the welfare of the public. The Global Fervent Love of Lives Medal has been the most unique commendation to those passionate lives -- people with perseverance, love, courage, and achievements. It is now known as the Nobel Prize of Life. So, let’s give our big hands again to the winner of Nobel Prize of Life--Positive President, Dr. Paul Wong.

Thank you very much and you have a nice day!