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IEEE REGION 10 HISTORY SUPPLEMENT**The IEEE Taipei Section – Established on 16 October 1974**

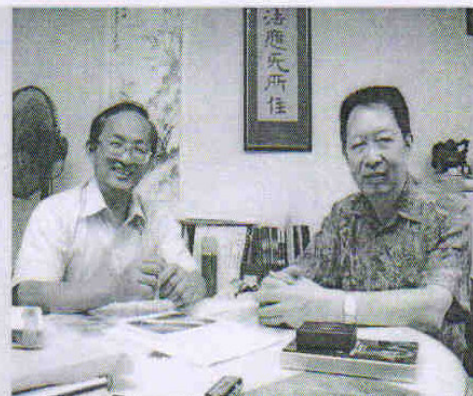
Established on 16 October 1974 by Dr. Lok Lin, IEEE Taipei Section was among the first several Sections in Region 10. Its major function then was to maintain the communications among members and help them subscribe to IEEE professional journals. Local activities were rarely held, and the members were fewer than 300 people, mostly scholars back from USA. Until 1984 - 85, the then-chairman Dr. Ching C. Hsieh made various efforts to promote the Section affairs, e.g., introducing the IEEE bylaws to set up Section administrative procedures, inviting professors in universities to serve as officers, and getting subsidies from IEEE rebate. Besides, he publicized IEEE's powerful research resources to local academia by organizing exhibitions for IEEE 100th anniversary, thereby resulting in substantial increase in the member size and being awarded IEEE 100 years decoration. Taipei Section got the most fast growing member award in 1986, and one of its members, Dr. Irving T. Ho, was elected as R10 Director (1985-86).

In the next 10 years (1986-95), Taipei Section was heavily engaged in the formation of Chapters to enhance the participations from IEEE members of different technical societies. The number of total Chapters grew up from 1 (C16 in 1975) to 15 in 1995, and up to now 28. The organizations under Taipei Section kept stably expanding afterwards. Student Chapters were started in 1998 by NTU and NCCU consecutively, and in total 6 now. The official website was established on 16 October 1997, to announce the updated Section status and Chapter activities. In 2001, Taipei Section

initiated the establishment of Tainan Section which later became effective on 30 June 2003, with its Deputy Chairman Dr. Jhing-Fa Wang as the first Chairman. About the IEEE Affinity Groups, the Women in Engineering Group was established in 2007. Because of the above efforts, the member size of Taipei Section increases steadily and is now more than 3000.

In the recent years, Taipei Section has been actively encouraging its members to reach out and participate in IEEE global services. A milestone progress was its co-sponsorship to Communications Society Taipei Chapter in holding the IEEE GlobalCom 2002, and thus substantial subsidy from the conference surplus. It made Taipei Section financially healthy and capable to initiate several promotion programs to further strengthen IEEE activities, e.g., for students attending IEEE conferences abroad about 30-50 students per year, for Chapters holding seminars and/or academic workshops about 30 times per year, and for Chapters organizing educational initiative summer camps to nurture new graduate students. Many members have performed excellently, including 64 members elected as IEEE Fellows, while many others served as distinguished lecturers, journal editors, conference chairs or TPC members in IEEE Societies. Altogether, Taipei Section has become internationally well recognized and one of the most successful Sections in Region 10 of IEEE.

Professor Ruey-Beei Wu
Chair Taipei Section



Current IEEE Taipei Section Chair Prof. Ruey-Beei Wu visiting the former Chair Dr Ching C. Hsieh to interview him about the set-up history of IEEE Taipei Section.