



Shawn Chen



Educated in China and the United States, Shawn Chen's career has embraced education, business and entrepreneurism in both countries. His business ventures include the hospitality industry and a steel door manufacturing.

He has served as President of The Sias Group, Inc. since 1992. In 1998, with the approval of the Minister of Education and the innovative educational institution through which students, leaders, and scholars from East and West can meet and profit from an exchange of ideas expressed in both Chinese and English.

State Degree Office in China, Chen founded Sias International University, an innovative educational institution through which students, leaders, and scholars from East and West can meet and profit from an exchange of ideas expressed in both Chinese and English.

Located in Henan Province near the City of Zhengzhou in Central China, Sias International University has graduated almost 35,000 seniors. Chen's future vision for the University, a campus of over 80 new buildings, now includes a 450-acre park, a-state-of-the-art green environmental facility to house the new Institute for Environmental and Social Responsibility, as well as a Medical School. As Founder / Chairman of the University, Chen is solely responsible for financing, planning, implementation and assessment of the university's overall operations.

Shawn Chen has received many awards from both educational institutions and the governments of China and the United States. Chen is frequently invited as a guest speaker by many American organizations and educational institutions, including Harvard University.

An advocate of life-long learning, Chen's educational career spans twenty five years and includes a Bachelor's Degree from Chongqing University in China, an MBA from Willamette University in the United States and most recently, a Special Certificate Program from Harvard University designed specifically for university presidents. He has also participated in advanced study programs at UCLA, and in 1987 received a Master's Degree in Education from Linfield College.

Dr. Chen is the incoming President of the Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific, and the Executive Board Member of the International Association of University Presidents and the Presidents' Circle of Cal Tech University in Southern California.