



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM  
UNIBETSEDÁT GUÅHAN  
Board of Regents**

**Resolution No. 23-23**

**RELATIVE TO AWARDING THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF BUSINESS  
MANAGEMENT TO PAUL YIN-LIEN CHEN**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Regents (BOR) is authorized to confer degrees;

**WHEREAS**, Paul Yin-lien Chen is a well-trained and very experienced diplomat from Taiwan who has earned his Bachelor and Master of Diplomacy degrees from Taiwan's number one diplomacy school at National Chengchi University, Taiwan; earned another Master of Public Diplomacy degree from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California; a certificate in Leadership & Government Management from Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Boston, Massachusetts; and a certificate in Diplomacy & Language Training Program from University of Oxford, Oxford, England;

**WHEREAS**, Paul Yin-lien Chen, as the Director General, was assigned the important mission of re-establishing the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Guam in September 2020 where he immediately expressed his extraordinary vision to broaden the horizon of a foreign service agency and bring the friendship and collaboration between Guam and Taiwan to the next level;

**WHEREAS**, in the past two years since 2020, Paul Yin-lien Chen facilitated several projects through TECO, including but not limited to, the Guam-Taiwan Education Summit with six universities from Taiwan in September 2021; Guam-Taoyuan Economic Summit with a sister city memorandum of understanding (MOU) signing ceremony in December 2021; Guam-Taichung sister city cooperation agreement signing between the Guam Chamber of Commerce and the Importers Association of Taipei in February 2022; Guam-Taiwan Agriculture, Technology, Sustainability Summit with six Taiwan universities and an association MOU signing between Guam Farmers Cooperative Association and Taoyuan Farmers Association in October 2022; the donation of JAG tele-health care system to Guam Memorial Hospital in March 2022 to bolster Guam's remote care capability helping chronic patient care and responding to possible public health challenges in the future; and the arrangement of the University of Guam's Taiwan Huayu Bilingual Exchange Program;

**WHEREAS**, Paul Yin-lien Chen arranged for a Humanitarian Medical Charter Flight for patients stranded in Guam with limited medical resources to go to Taiwan for better medical care in January 2021; hosted a Guam-Taiwan drawing contest at the peak of the pandemic to provide fifteen winners of this drawing contest throughout the island to receive electronic devices such as laptops and tablets donated by local vendors for the students' online classes to support their continued educational needs in April 2021; and organized several donations of medical supplies when there was a global medical supply shortage to the Guam Governor's Office, Guam Memorial Hospital, and Guam Legislature from March to May 2021;

**WHEREAS**, Paul Yin-lien Chen also led the TECO team the Guam Animal in Need (GAIN) organization by hosting a thanksgiving party in 2001, recognizing the importance of Guam business and organizations working together for the animal community, and in coordination with GAIN, Guam Department of Agriculture, and University of Guam, brought in ten volunteer veterinarians from Taiwan's National Chung-Hsing University in August 2022 to help with the Spay and Neuter Island Pets Program (SNIP) supporting the people of Guam and their pets;

**WHEREAS**, Paul Yin-lien Chen was selected as the first honorary member of the University of Guam chapter of the international honor society for Economics Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE) in May 2021, recognizing his academic and community achievements in economic studies; ODE international honor society for Economics is one of the oldest and most selective honor societies fully recognized and accredited by the Association of College Honor Societies in the United States;

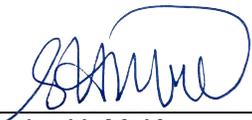
**WHEREAS**, while TECO in Guam has the smallest scale of workforce among Taiwan's thirteen consular agencies around the United States, Paul Yin-lien Chen has worked to complete more projects than most other TECOs in different cities, expanded media exposure of Guam in Taiwan allowing Taiwanese more opportunities to know Guam better, and passionately continues to organize events that will strengthen the relationship between Guam and Taiwan; and

**WHEREAS**, Paul Yin-lien Chen's recommendation package has been reviewed by the Honorary Degree Committee; Faculty Senate Standing Committee on Faculty Excellence and Faculty Senate; Deans' Council; Senior Vice President & Provost; current UOG President; and the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, and Honorary Degree Committee, and recommend approval of the Doctor of Business Management, *honoris causa*, (D.BM. (h.c.)) to the BOR.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the BOR hereby approves to confer the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Business Management, *honoris causa*, (D.BM. (h.c.)) upon Paul Yin-lien Chen; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the BOR, along with the President of UOG, will confer said Honorary Degree at the Fanuchãnan 2023 commencement.

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

  
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Sandra H. McKeever, Chairperson

**ATTESTED:**

  
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Anita Borja Enriquez, D.B.A., Executive Secretary