

LANGUAGE ATLAS OF CHINA WINS AWARD

Of the 186 publications and projects completed between 1977 and 1991, and receiving awards from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in a recent assessment, five were in the area of linguistics. Heading the list of linguistic endeavors is the Language Atlas of China--an eight year long joint research project between researchers at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the Australian Academy of Humanities. Professor Benjamin K T'sou, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University, participated in the project, as a general editor, as a member of the steering committee, and as the contributor to the section on Chinese Dialects Overseas. The Atlas was published by Longman (Far East) Ltd (part 1 in 1987 and part 2 in 1991), and the Chinese edition has been sold out in Hong Kong.

When asked about the award winning project, Professor T'sou said, "It was the first major attempt to codify the rich and diverse linguistic heritage in China and of the Chinese people, and it is encouraging that China now recognizes research not only in science and technology, but also in the social sciences." Professor T'sou's contribution to the Atlas received financial backing from Wang Computer's founder, the late Dr. An Wang, through his Institute for Chinese Studies.

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