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# PREFACE: NONLINEAR AND VARIATIONAL ANALYSIS 2024 DEDICATED TO PROFESSOR SHIH-SEN CHANG ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 91TH BIRTHDAY



We are deeply honored to organize this special issue in celebration of Professor Shih-sen Chang's 91th birthday. He was born on December 25, 1933 in Qujing City, Yunnan Province, China. Professor Chang is a distinguished mathematician who graduated from the Department of Mathematics at Sichuan University in 1958. Throughout his career, Professor Chang has profoundly impacted the field of mathematics and has been recognized as an expert with outstanding contributions, receiving the State Council Special Allowance. Professor Chang has devoted his life to teaching, mentoring, and scientific research. His students are spread across China, and he has also guided many scholars in other countries. Even after he retired from Sichuan University in 1999, Professor Chang continued to share his expertise globally. He held prestigious positions as a visiting professor or distinguished professor at Yibin University (2001-2011), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (2002-2013), Yunnan University of Finance and Economics (2011-2015), and as a visiting professor at Bushan University, Korea (1997-1998), and the Center for General Education of China Medical University, Taiwan (2015-now). Professor Chang's research areas include Nonlinear Analysis, Variational Inequalities, Fixed Point Theory, and Optimization Theory. His prolific academic career includes the publication of seven monographs, four of which are in foreign languages, with three published in the United States and one in Germany. He has published numerous research papers in leading academic journals, with nearly 300 papers indexed by SCI and around 576 papers reviewed by Mathematical Reviews (MR). According to statistics from Huizhi Technology (http://scholar.huezhi.com), Professor Chang has an H-index of 47. His academic papers have been cited over 9,000 times by more than 1,145 scholars. Notably, Professor Chang remains actively engaged in frontline research. According to Web of Science (https://webofscience.clarivate.com/) statistics, he published 44 SCI papers between 2020 and 2023 alone, with 27 of them listing him as the first author. His contributions to mathematical sciences have been recognized worldwide. Professor Chang has been invited to lecture and collaborate on research in over 20 countries and regions, including Canada, Australia, Italy, France, South Korea, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. In addition to his global influence,

Professor Chang has made significantly progress in scientific research of China, earning Science and Technology Progress Awards from both Sichuan Province and the Ministry of Education of China multiple times. In 1994, his research on "The Theory and Applications of Variational Inequalities and Complementarity Problems," in which he was the sole contributor, was awarded the First Prize in Science and Technology Progress of Sichuan Province. Moreover, he has played a crucial role in academic publishing, serving as an editorial board member for seven domestic and international journals. From 1985 to 2000, Professor Chang successfully led five projects funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China and was twice supported by the Ph.D. Programs Foundation of Ministry of Education of China between 1989 and 1993.

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