

Two Taiwan researchers win Asian recognition

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Huey-jen Jenny Su, president of National Cheng Kung University (NCKU) in Tainan, and Michael Ming-chiao Lai, a former NCKU president, have been named among the top 100 prize-winning researchers, academicians, innovators and leaders in Asia Pacific region.

Su, a public health expert, was cited for her outstanding leadership, after she received the 2017 Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health's Leadership Award for her timely and effective response to two emergency events in Tainan City -- a dengue fever outbreak in 2015 and a deadly magnitude 6.4 earthquake the following year.

Lai, cited by the Singapore magazine as a pioneer in coronavirus research, is a famous scientist in his field and a highly esteemed leader in the world of higher education.

Also listed in the same leadership category were Subra Suresh, president of Singapore's Nanyang Technological University (NTU); Lam Khin Yong, NTU's vice-president for research; Chang Meeman of China's Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology; and Ajoy Kumar Ray of the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology.

This year's list of top 100 Asian Scientists included honorees from China, India, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam, 22 of whom were women.