THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject:

Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested:

Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Mei-Ying Lin, M.S.L.S., senior associate librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2009.

Ms. Lin received her B.A. degree from the National Chengchi University in Taipei, Taiwan, in 1964 and her M.S.L.S. degree from Wayne State University in 1969. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1969 as a Chinese cataloging librarian in the Asia Library, and was promoted to associate librarian in 1992 and senior associate librarian in 2003.

During her forty years' tenure at Michigan, Ms. Lin has made significant contributions to the Asia Library as it has developed into one of the country's largest resource centers for East Asian studies. With her expertise in cataloging and her solid command of Chinese language and culture, Ms. Lin processed thousands of Chinese materials in various formats each year. As Chinese cataloging supervisor and then supervisor of technical services in the Asia Library during the 1990s, Ms. Lin played a crucial and leading role in the library's transition from the original card catalog to the online OPAC, and in the adoption of many new information processing technologies and systems. She also managed other important large-scale projects, including the RECON record clean-up project, the creation of analytical records for several massive Chinese sets, and the Wade Giles-Pinyin conversion. From 2003-08, she served as interim co-director of the Asia Library, overseeing the administrative responsibilities and daily operations. Ms. Lin is also an effective and thoughtful trainer, who designed and implemented extensive training programs that enhanced the professional knowledge and skills of numerous members of the Asia Library's staff. Her contributions to the University Library will be greatly missed.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for her dedicated service by naming Mei-Ying Lin senior associate librarian emerita.

Requested by:

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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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