Charles Chieng, Pillar of Leadership and Beacon of Wisdom

Charles L. Chieng’s contribution to the program simply cannot be overstated. Chieng was the only member to serve consecutively since the formation of the FSMSS Board of Trustees in 1984. This afforded him unparalleled intimacy and knowledge of the system. He held the unique position of never being replaced as the representative of Yap State on the board since its inception.

A conscientious leader, he displayed exceptional passion and commitment and was never hesitant to fight for the welfare of the program. He was quick to act and was constantly vocal, but his actions and words are always tempered with a shrewdness that quickly became synonymous with his name among his peers. With all that he contributed to the program, he ensured that finding a replacement of his caliber will be nigh on impossible. The FSM Social Security Administration joins his loved ones in mourning the loss of a great man who was not just a leader but an inspirational one. With our sincere condolences, the fondest memories of Mr. Chieng will be forever with us, as he was a pioneer who helped usher the FSM Social Security Administration from its infancy to what it is today. The man’s reign in the Program’s Board attested that he was of the echelon that displays men such as he, Charles L. Chieng - steadfast pillar of leadership and beacon of wisdom.

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