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Born in 1929, **Dr Chung Tan** who attained his MA & PhD (History), D Litt (honoris causa), taught in Indian universities for four decades. He was Head of Department of Chinese and Japanese Studies in Delhi University from 1971 to 1978, Chairman of Centre for Afro-Asian Languages, and Chairman of Centre for East Asian Languages of Jawaharlal Nehru University from 1980s until retirement in 1994. He was Professor-Consultant and head of East Asia section of Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts from 1990 to 1999. He was also the founder-chairman of Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi (1990-2003). Now settled at Chicago, IL, USA, he authored and edited 20 books in English and Chinese, including *India and China: Twenty Centuries of Civilizational Interaction and Vibrations* (co-authored with Prof. Geng Yinzeng of Peking University), which is a part of the series of *History of Science, Philosophy and Culture in Indian Civilization* (published by Centre for Studies in Civilizations, New Delhi), and *Tagore and China* (Sage India publication), and the Chinese version of *India and China, Tagore and China and Chindia — Idealism and Realization*. He has been invited as a speaker to many international conferences on oriental studies, Chinese history, culture, Buddhism, Sino-Indian studies and Dunhuang studies among others. He has been a regular commentator on current affairs for Chinese language newspapers and journals in Beijing, Hong Kong, Taipei, Singapore and Malaysia. He was awarded the third highest civilian award in the Republic of India, "Padma Bhushan", in 2010 and is the second Chinese scholar (after Ji Xianlin) to have been awarded this honour. He is also the fourth Chinese to be awarded the highest honorary degree of *Deshikottama* from Tagore's Visva-Bharati University (in 2013) after Zhou Enlai, Tan Yun-shan and Wu Baihui. He was also one of the nine awardees of the China-India Friendship award and received this award from Premier Wen Jiabao in 2010.

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