

NOTES ABOUT MING SHEN WANG

The following notes come from Rose's address file, telling something about Ming-Shen and his work.

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He first met John (and Rose) at a dinner hosted by Roger & Barbara Stough at La Dolce Vita Italian restaurant in Fairfax, on November 19, 1998. At that time Roger was a professor in The Institute for Public Policy (TIPP) at George Mason University. Ming Shen was in Fairfax as leader of a group of bureaucrats from Taiwan Provincial Government who were being re-trained at a TIPP Short Course offered by Professor Stough, to fit new government posts after their own Provincial Government organization was dismantled in an effort by Taiwan to cooperate with hoped for merge with mainland China.

Prof. Wang was a former student of Roger Stough while both were in Indiana, and had retained contact with Stough and Dr. Kingsley Haynes since his graduation with PH.D. in 1987 from Indiana University, including 4 visits to the USA.

Ming-Shen Wang came over to John's GMU office the next day, on Nov. 20, 1998, he talked and got a bunch of papers, told John he had read John Warfield's books in Taiwan and had been eager to meet him since then. He was interested in urban issues and wanted to help Taiwan and Mainland China get reunited. (Mr. Wang was so jet-lagged that he was totally exhausted; he fell asleep sitting up in John's office that day, he was very apologetic, be we too have been jet-lagged. Rose drove him back to TIPP offices to meet his group of bureaucrats, after he woke)

In January 1999 Mr. Wang returned to the U.S. for an extended stay of several weeks as a Visiting Scholar at GMU, and while there he attended John's 1999 Spring Semester Class on Complexity - and also he was given a copy of the videotape titled DEMOTAPE I, along with the accompanying document INDEX TO DEMOTAPE I, (the video is Excerpts from a Ford PIM workshop done in 1994, a DVD copy of this video is now in Fenwick's Warfield Collection, in Box 81, Folder 8). We probably also gave him a set of 4 slow speed videotapes of a complete ISM workshop, titled "INTERACTIVE MANAGEMENT - SLOW SPEED VHS TAPE" which was a filming of First Interactive Management Workshop on Design of an Analytical Powertrain, held at Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan April 14-16, 1992. (There is a copy of this slow-speed set in Warfield Collection at Fenwick Library, in Box 55). Also the 1999 Spring Semester class which Ming Shen attended is on videotape in Fenwick's Warfield Collection, a set of 21 videocassettes in Box 68.

During Ming Shen's 1999 spring semester stay at GMU he lived in an apartment in Fairfax at 9906 Main ST.- , Fairfax Square Apts No. 133., Fairfax, VA. Telephone: 218-2854.

In the year 2000, July or August, Mingshen called us in Florida from Fairfax where he was visiting. Said he would visit us when he and his wife returned next year to U.S. We didn't hear from him after John's retirement until the summer 2008 when Ming Shen's students sent John a lovely Taiwanese art work, a scene of Pudong, done in ceramics, out of appreciation for what they had learned from Ming Shen about John's work.

In September 2008 John received a letter from Ming-Shen postmarked Sept 10, 2008 asking John to write a preface for a book that Ming Shen and his students were writing, the tentative title is to be "Interactive Management and Citizen Governance". In reply, John was unable to contact Ming Shen by email. John completed the preface on Sept 20, 2008, finally sent the preface by email to the students who said they would transfer the material to Ming Shen. (The student who acted as a go-between on correspondence about the picture and on the preface and copyright release and documentation of John's signature is:)