

## **CV of Benjamin Tsou**

Professor Benjamin Tsou is Chair Professor of Language Sciences and Director of the Research Centre on Linguistics and Language Information Sciences at The Hong Kong Institute of Education. His on-going *Linguistic Variation in Chinese Speech Communities* project (LIVAC) focuses on the characteristics and evolving use of the Chinese language in Beijing, Hong Kong, Macau, Shanghai, Singapore and Taipei, involving the sophisticated processing and analysis of more than 400 million Chinese characters since 1995. This research has provided, for example, the basis for the selection of new words in the new OUP *Oxford Chinese Dictionary* 《牛津英漢·漢英雙向詞典》 and 《全球華語新詞語詞典》 (by Commercial Press, Beijing) published in September 2010. Both the *Language Atlas of China* 《中國語言地圖集》 and 《社會語言學教程》 (*A Textbook on Sociolinguistics*) co-edited by him have won awards from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the Chinese Ministry of Education respectively. Professor Tsou is a member of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences in Belgium. He serves on the Executive Board of the Chinese Information Processing Society of China and is the founding President of the Asian Federation of Natural Language Processing and of the Linguistic Society of Hong Kong.

## **CV of Andy Chin**

Dr. Andy Chin received his PhD from the University of Washington (Seattle) and is now Assistant Professor at the Research Centre on Linguistics and Language Information Sciences of The Hong Kong Institute of Education. His research interests cover a number of areas: Linguistic variations in both temporal and spatial dimensions, linguistic typology, sociolinguistics, Chinese linguistics and Chinese dialectology. In 2009, he won the Young Scholar Award of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics.