Go Masters Gathered In Yi Yuan

NTHU Go Garden, Yi Yuan, is officially opened on June 1st. It is located in the southern area of the campus, near the ecological park. Yi Yuan not only displays public art pieces of Go & Art, but also a plaque with the inscription of Yi Yuan written by Dr. Yong Jin, a famous writer and an NTHU Honorary Doctorate. Additionally, the garden also displays the monuments of Go Masters' biography, calligraphy and records of their most significant matches. These monuments were all authored by the masters; they are: Qingyuan Wu, Minoru Kitani, Rin Kaiho, Zu De Chen, Hunhyun Cho and Weiping Nie. The pathway to Yi Yuan was also decorated with the stone engraving of tactics that teaches knacks for winning matches.

The construction of Yi Yuan was the will of former president, Dr. Chun-Shan Shen, who put a great effort in soliciting donations and sponsorships. President Li H.J. Chen stated that President Shen joined NTHU as the Dean of the College of Science in 1973, and taught in the Department of Physics, and then was elected as the President of NTHU. In 2006, out of his devotion to Tsing Hua, Dr. Shen personally wrote in his will to donate his asset for the construction of Yi Yuan with the "earthly construction", i.e. using the least amount of cement possible and without damaging a single tree within the environment.

President Chen expressed that there are over 180 words in Chinese language that pronounce "yi" and some of them have similar meaning, which bears the meaning of grand, fine and playing Go. He furthered stated that Yi Yuan will become Taiwan's, perhaps the world's most unique Go Garden and resort. President Chen invited everyone to visit the garden and encouraged everyone to make Yi Yuan a place for the enjoyment of learning, playing and appreciating the art of Go while achieving spiritual fulfillment and relaxation.

On the day of the opening, distinguished guests attended including Go Masters Rin Kaiho, Hunhyun Cho, Weiping Nie and Master Qingyuan Wu's eldest daughter, Ms. Jia-Cheng Wu. At the end of the ceremony, Master Rin Kaiho, Hunhyun Cho and Weiping Nie played a memorial three way match of Go in the Yi Ting (Go Pavilion), which was the first time in the history of Go. President Chen took the first letter of each master's name in pinyin and named the match as "The Match LNT" to commemorate this special event. The Go manual played will be engraved on a stone tablet for the purpose of permanent memorial. Mr. Chou Chun-hsun, the Red Face Go King, was invited to give commentary on the match. He pointed out that this three way match is extremely interesting, because conventional Go match tactics are developed singularly by a player in a match. However, this three way Match LNT requires the three masters to alternate between black...
and white chesses each turn, which results in a unique situation that requires heavy on improvisation.

Master Rin Kaiho praised the President Shen as a very talented player and contributed greatly to the community of Go. He expressed his hope that Yi Yuan has excellent ambiance and wishes every visitor will appreciate its beauty and hope Yi Yuan becomes a renowned historical site.

Master Weiping Nien, the long term acquaintance of President Chun Shan Shen, expressed that they both love Go and the game of bridge, and they shared a friendship that goes beyond age barrier. He furthered indicated that NTHU and Beijing Tsing Hua are both first rate universities and have nurtured countless outstanding students, and he gave his blessing on the prosperity of both intuitions.

Master Hunhyun Cho mentioned that many Go masters were invited to attend the opening ceremony of Yi Yuan, he felt honored to be able to participate. Master Cho expressed that he is very pleased that NTHU has opened a Go garden on the campus, and he hopes that the Go community can use this resource to bring an even greater development of Go.

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1. Distinguish guests attending the opening ceremony of Yi Yuan.
3. Master Rin Kaiho (center) with President Chen and Senior Vice President Ming-Chuen Yip in front of his own bibliography display.
4. (From left to right) Master Hunhyun Cho, Master Rin Kaiho, President Lih J. Chen, and Master Weiping Nien at Yi Yuan.
5. Successful closing of Learning From the Masters.