

A Brief Biography of Dr. Shen-Hsien Chen

Dr. Shen-Hsien Chen is the Secretary-General of New Taipei City Government, which is the most populous city in Taiwan. Land area of the New Taipei City is 2,052 km² and the total population of the city is 3,901,959.



Before serving the current position, Dr. Chen was the President of the Sinotech Engineering Consultants, Inc. from July 2010 to December 2010. This is a firm founded in 1970 as a non-profit organization dedicated to providing engineering consulting services and later restructured in 1994 to devote itself exclusively to engineering R&D, personnel training, and technical consultation in the fields of hydraulics, electric power, civil, geotechnical, transportation and environmental engineering.

Before being the President of the Sinotech Engineering Consultants, Inc., Dr. Chen was the Director General of the Water Resources Agency, Ministry of Economic Affairs for more than six years (July 2003-October 2009). The Water Resources Agency is in charge of all the water-related businesses in Taiwan. In his tenure as the director general, Dr. Chen made great contributions to the water resources management and hazard prevention & mitigation in Taiwan. Because of his effort, both of the quality and quantity of public water supplies are improved. The administration efficiency of the water-related businesses is also enhanced. Besides, the flood control measures for flood-damage mitigation are much better improved, such as: dike construction, channel dredging, flood diversion, flood retention, watershed management, and drainage improvement, etc.

Dr. Chen received his B.S. degree in 1975 from the National Taiwan University, his M.S. degree in 1985 from Colorado State University, and his Ph.D. in 2007 from National Taiwan University of Science and Technology. He was elected as 2008 Colorado State University Outstanding Alumni. In 2010, he also received National Water Award for Outstanding Contribution.