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The Taiwan Chapter of the International Academy of Engineering (TCIAE) hosted the TCIAE Members General Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting at the Taipei's Siang Sian Restaurant and Tang Prize Foundation respectively on January 10, 2024. Dr. Samuel Yin, honorary president of the IAE and founding chairman of the Taiwan Chapter, entrusted Dr. Chung-Yao Yin, chairman of Nan Shan Life Insurance, to address the members gathered for this meaningful event which also marked the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of TCIAE.

The meeting featured an enlightening presentation by Mrs. Chechena Kuular, a Russian reporter from the Central Broadcasting Corporation. Titled "Exploring a Distinct Russia - The Remote Tuva Republic High Above Sea Level," the talk covered the history, culture, and environmental changes of the Tuva Republic, as well as its enduring relationships with Russia, Mongolia, and China.

In addition, TCIAE member Dr. Nelson NS Chou generously gifted everyone a copy of his book, *An Engineer's Long Journey: A Rational and Emotional Odyssey,* in which he explores the important issue of sustainable development.

In his remarks, Dr. Jenn-Chuan Chern, incumbent president of TCIAE, emphasized the positive interaction and robust cooperation over the years between TCIAE, the Russian Academy of Engineering, and the Ukrainian Academy of Engineering, all members of the IAE. Though the COVID-19 pandemic has hampered the work of the IAE and TCIAE and the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine has presented serious obstacles to various academic exchanges, he expressed hope for a viable solution to the war that would bring an end to the suffering of people caught in this unfortunate confrontation and restore academic collaborations at the earliest opportunity.



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