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Storied Taoist Tai-Ji Educator and Writer Moves to Oregon Coast to Expand U.S.-China Ties

GOLD BEACH, Oregon — Chungliang “Al” Huang, founder-president of the Living Tao Foundation — a non-profit educational and cultural arts organization that has served an international community for more than 30 years — has relocated the Foundation and his residence to Gold Beach from Champaign-Urbana, Illinois.

Huang, 73, is a highly respected author, philosopher, Tai Ji master, performing artist, and educator. Building bridges for East-West cultural-arts exchange has been Huang's lifelong work.

The move enables him and the [Living Tao Foundation](#) to advance collaborative work for international cultural exchanges with China through the Lan Ting Institute Huang established in 1985 on Mount Wu Yi in Fujian Province, China.

The [Lan Ting Institute](#) — the Foundation's in-depth Chinese philosophical and cultural arts program — is in the process of establishing an official affiliation with the Fujian's Wu Yi University, located on Mt. Wu Yi in the Wu Yi Mountains bordering Fujian and Jiangxi Provinces. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 1999 listed a 60-square-kilometer area (about 23 square miles) encompassing Mount Wu Yi as a natural and cultural [World Heritage Site](#).

Huang has published many books on Taoism and Tai Ji, including: *Embrace Tiger, Return to Mountains: The Essence of Tai Ji*, a perennial classic that has been translated into 14 languages; *The Chinese Book of Animal Powers*; and *Quantum Soup: Fortune Cookies in Crisis*. He is co-author with Alan Watts of *Tao: The Watercourse Way*, and with Jerry Lynch of *Thinking Body, Dancing Mind*. Their sixth collaborative book, *Spirit of the Dancing Warrior*, will be published by Amber Lotus Publishers in April. Most of these titles are also in German, Spanish, French, Italian and other languages

A lecturer and commentator in East-West synthesis, Huang in recent months has spoken at “The Science Festival” in Genoa, Italy (Nov. 1, 2009); The Cheung Kong Graduate Business School in Shanghai, China (Dec. 7- 8, 2009); at the Indian Council for Cultural Relations in New Delhi (Dec. 29, 2009), and at the Nehru Center in Mumbai, India (Jan. 17).

Huang will give a three-day seminar February 12-14 during the celebration of the Chinese New Year — the Year of the Tiger — at Evergreen College in Olympia, Washington. He will conduct three seminars in March 19-26 at the Esalen Institute in Big Sur, California; an eight-day, intensive Easter Week workshop April 3-11 in Winterthur, Switzerland; and another workshop at the University of Illinois Urbana campus in May during the Memorial Day week this spring.

Among the mentors and colleagues who have supported or continue to support Huang's work are Alan Watts, Joseph Needham, Han Suyin, Joseph Campbell, Yehudi Menuhin, John Denver and Huston Smith.

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Photo Caption:

Living Tao Foundation Founder and President Chungliang “Al” Huang, right, with Dr. Karan Singh, president of Indian Council for Cultural Relations in New Delhi.