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Dr. Chung Il Yung, Senior Advisor of the YIJUN Institute of International Law passed away on January 19, 2015 at the age of 89. Born in 1926, Dr. Chung studied international law and relations at the Seoul National University, Georgetown University, and London School of Economics and Political Science. He continued research on international law at the Geneva University under the supervision of Professor Paul Guggenheim and finally obtained his doctorate degree in 1959, defending a thesis titled, *Legal Problems involved in the Corfu Channel Incident*.

As a young international legal scholar, Dr. Chung began teaching international law at the Seoul National University College of Law. Due to the urgent need of Korea on multiple types of issues in relation to foreign affairs in the early 1960s, the government strongly demanded his service. Responding to the call, Dr. Chung served as the vice foreign minister and led the diplomatic missions of Korea as Ambassador to Switzerland, Belgium, and France for more than ten years. Returning home after the missions, he came back to academic world and served as the President of the Kookmin University, the Sejoing Institute, the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, and the Korean Society of International Law. When the Asian Society of International Law was established, he joined there as one of the founding and executive council members.

During his life, Dr. Chung turned to be a luminary figure due to his extensive experience in international law, both academically and diplomatically, comparing to anyone of his age in Korea as well as in the world. Such profound international legal scholarship and long diplomatic services have been well embedded, to some extent, into his final book, 韓國外交와 國際法 [Foreign Relations of Korea and International Law] (나남출판, 2011) which was published just a few years before his final departure. His positive research methodology and critical analyses with primary sources will be highly praised continuously in the future. In this sense, he is a true role model of successful international lawyer for the younger generation.

Dr. Chung was cheered as an intimate friend, generous teacher, humble leader, prolific publicist, great mentor by many who knew him. Furthermore, he expressed his true love for his country from the bottom of heart. Dr. Chung will always remain very much alive in the memories of those who loved, respected and treasured him. His demise is a genuine loss for the country and international law community.

The YIJUN Institute of International Law would like to share the most sincere condolence with his family and friends.