Munich, July 11, 2011

TUM Distinguished Affiliated Professor

Dear Professor Chua:

The Technische Universität München awards the honor of “TUM Distinguished Affiliated Professor” to exceptional personalities and researchers of international prominence, who have not only significantly shaped their own discipline, but have also inspired other areas within the scientific community. We equally pay tribute to the public example set by our TUM Distinguished Affiliated Professors, resulting from their excellence in science and arts.

This honor is awarded very rarely. Previous laureates have been e.g. Prof. Rudolph A. Marcus, Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, and Prof. Robert Grasselli, one of the most important researchers on catalysis (cf. http://www.professoren.tum.de/en/distinguished-professors/).

It is my great pleasure to announce that this year I would like to award you the lifetime honor of “TUM Distinguished Affiliated Professor”. Also the Board of Deans explicitly supports this decision.

Our university and I personally would be greatly honored if you accepted this important distinction of TUM. There are no specific duties involved. However, we would be delighted if you kept up and cherished the relations to our university at your own choice (e.g. seminars, talks). The Academic Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology would be delighted to welcome you in its community.

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We will contact you again as soon as the planning for the award ceremony has started.

Yours sincerely,

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Wolfgang A. Herrmann
President

PS: Enclosed please find 2 CDs of our annual TUM Alumni event in the Munich philharmonic concert hall, where I played the piano on both occasions (Mozart, Bach).