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On September 12, 2019, the Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences (SBRAS) voted to grant the honorary doctorate of Dr. Yen-Liang Yin, the vice president of International Academy of Engineering (IAE) and the founder of Taiwan Chapter of International Academy of Engineering (TCIAE). This is the highest award for outstanding foreigners of Siberian branch of Russian Academy of Sciences (SBRAS). This is also the first time that SBRAS confers honorary doctorate to professors in Asia.

Over the past decades, Dr. Yin has dedicated himself to re-thinking traditional construction methods and developing comprehensive building construction technologies. He has also garnered for Taiwan international recognition in the construction technology field.

Apart from Dr. Yin, four outstanding scholars with different expertise also received an honorary doctoral degree from the SB RAS: professor Jiun-Jih Miau in the field of mechanics, distinguished professor in the Department of Aerospace Engineering, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan, the member of TCIAE. Prof. Badarchiin Biaambaa (agricultural science), academician of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Vladimir Vitalievich Azarenko (agricultural science), academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, Prof. Henrikh Fyolk (physics) from Germany, and Miao Yijun (mechanics). We hereby express our congratulations and share their glory.

Set up by the government, the RAS is a huge institute headquartered in Moscow, with three branches operating independently in different locations: the Siberian Branch, the Far East Branch and the Ural Branch. Founded in 1957, the administrative center of the Siberian Branch is situated in Novosibirsk and comprises 9 science centers, 75 research organizations and nearly 9,000 researchers. To increase the collaborations on technological research between Taiwan and Siberia, in 2007, the Ministry of Science and Technology in Taiwan signed a contract with the Siberia Branch to support bilateral research projects and further interactions between both sides.