CONGRATULATIONS TO ACADEMICIAN LIN QUN ON HIS 70^{th} BIRTHDAY

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This special issue of the Journal of Computational Mathematics is dedicated to Professor Qun Lin, an outstanding mathematician and a Member of Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), on the occasion of his seventieth birthday.

Professor Qun Lin, was born in Fujian Province on July 15, 1935. He graduated from Amoy University in 1956. Since then, he has been working in three of the four institutes of the Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science(from 1956 to 1979 in the Institute of Mathematics, from 1979 to 1999 in the Institute of Systems Science, and in the Institute of Computational Mathematics and Scientific/Engineering Computing since 1999) of the CAS.

Professor Lin's research interests include numerical analysis, scientific computing and functional analysis. He is one of the key members of Chinese FEM (finite element method) school founded and led by late Professor Kang Feng. Moreover, he is the pioneer and leader of the Chinese group on super-convergence and extrapolation techniques for FEMs, especially he developed such techniques into a unified approach to FEMS from individual methods.

Professor Lin was elected a Member of the CAS in 1993, and a Member of TWAS- the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World in 1999. He was a Vice-Director of the Institute of Systems Science (1991-1994), a Vice-President of the Chinese Mathematical Society (1996-1999), and a Member of the Standing Committee of Division of Mathematics and Physics of the CAS (1993-2001). He also served as a member of the organizing committee (and the chairman of the financial sub-committee) of the International Congress of Mathematician 2002. He has been a Deputy to the National People's Congress of China since 1998.

Professor Lin was named National Scientist with Outstanding Contributions in 1989. He received the First Prize of Natural Sciences of the CAS in 1989, the Bolzano Honorary Medal for Merit in the Mathematical Sciences from Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in 2001the Science and Technology Progress Award of Ho Leung Ho Lee Foundation in 2004.

Professor Lin is not only a distinguished mathematician in research but also an outstanding mathematics educator in teaching. He has supervised a number of excellent students who are now active researchers around the world, from pure mathematics to applied mathematics and scientific computing. He has also made a great contribution to the mathematics education and its reform. Especially, he suggested an alternative version of calculus to liberate theorems from proofs. He is a scholar of thought and an educator of kind-hearted.

On this occasion, we wish Professor Lin of safety, joviality, and longevity.