

World Bank Chief Economist: Justin Yifu Lin

Justin Yifu Lin is World Bank Chief Economist and Senior Vice President. He took up his World Bank position on June 2, 2008, after serving for 15 years as Professor and Founding Director of the China Centre for Economic Research (CCER) at Peking University. He will remain on leave from Peking University during his World Bank tenure.

Mr. Lin received his PhD in economics from the University of Chicago in 1986 and is the author of 16 books, including *The China Miracle: Development Strategy and Economic Reform*, which has been published in seven languages, and *State-owned Enterprise Reform in China*, which is available in Chinese, Japanese, and English. He has published more than 100 articles in refereed international journals and collected volumes on history, development, and transition.

Among his many public roles in China, Justin Yifu Lin served as a deputy of China's People's Congress and Vice Chairman of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce. He has served on several national and international committees, leading groups, and councils on development policy, technology, and environment including: the United Nations Millennium Task Force on Hunger; the Eminent Persons Group of the Asian Development Bank; the National Committee on United States-China Relations; the Hong Kong-U.S. Business Council; the Working Group on the future of the OECD; and the Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee.

He was awarded the 1993 and 2001 Sun Yefang Prize (the highest honour for economists in China), the 1993 Policy Article Prize of Centre for International Food and Agricultural Policy at University of Minnesota, the 1997 Sir John Crawford Award of the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society, the 1999 Best Article Prize of the Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, the Citation Classic Award in 2000 (by the publisher of Social Science Citation Index), Docteur Honoris Causa of Universite D' Auvergne in France in 2004, fellow of Academy of Sciences for Developing World in 2005 and various other prizes.

He gave the 2007-2008 Marshall Lectures at Cambridge University on October 31-November 1, 2007.

Mr. Lin is the World Bank's first chief economist from a developing country. The Chief Economist guides the Bank's intellectual leadership and plays a key role in shaping the research agenda of the institution.

He succeeds [Francois Bourguignon](#), who retired from the Bank Group last year to become Director of the Paris School of Economics.

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