



## China Institute Special Event

### The Legacy of Yan Qingxiang 严庆祥

Yan Qingxiang (1899–1988) was a scion of a distinguished clan in Shanghai and a pioneer of China's heavy industry as the first president of Huafeng Steel and Iron Machinery 华丰钢铁厂 during the inceptive years of the People's Republic of China. In retirement, he was one of the greatest philanthropists of his generation, donating more than \$500,000 to charities supporting youth education and senior healthcare. In 1980, he donated many objects from the Yan family's storied collection of Ming and Qing paintings and vases to the Shanghai Museum of Art. His final act of largess was the gift of He Yuan 鹤园 (Crane Garden), a classical garden in Suzhou that had belonged to the Yan family, to the people of China.

Yan was trained in the classics and a bibliophile. During the Cultural Revolution, Yan compiled *A Comprehensive Dictionary of the Standard Script*, published by the Jiangsu Provincial Ancient Archives in 1985. This work has become an essential part of Yan's legacy to symbolize self-cultivation, endurance, and strength in a time of tumult.

In Yan's spirit of generosity, his son Anthony has bequeathed one of the family's two original copies of this dictionary to China Institute. Please join members of the Yan family on this very special occasion to celebrate the legacy of Mr. Yan Qingxiang. Anthony will represent the Yan family to speak about his father's life and work.

Anthony Yen (Yan) is President of Tenax Corporation (Cleveland) and Chairman of ABC International Inc. (Cleveland and Beijing). Formerly, he was Chairman of Susquehanna Corp. (Melton, PA), Chairman of Shelton Acquisition Corp. (Cincinnati, OH), and President of Universal Engineering Co. Anthony has served on the boards of the Cleveland World Trade Association, Genomic Medical Institute of Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and various committees at Case Western Reserve University. He was a trustee of the Ohio Commodores Association. Anthony resides in Cleveland with his family; he is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Confucius Institute at Cleveland State University and serves on the advisory board of the Cleveland Institute of Art.

Tuesday, May 25 ~ 6:30 – 8 PM

Due to limited seating at this special event, please contact Ms. Lillia Chrysostome at [lchrysostome@chinainstitute.org](mailto:lchrysostome@chinainstitute.org) or at 212-744-8181 ext. 111 for registration information.

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