

IN MEMORIAM

YANG XIAOPING

1952–1989

It is with the deepest sadness that we report the death of our friend and colleague, Yang Xiaoping, who died of a massive cerebral hemorrhage on September 24, 1989. Xiaoping served for two years on the staff of the *Journal of Chinese Law*, most recently as Translations Editor.

Xiaoping was born on March 25, 1952, in Shanghai, China. He received his LL.B. degree in 1983 and LL.M. degree in 1986 from Shanghai's Fudan University. He came to the United States in the Fall of 1986 to pursue a J.D. degree at Columbia University School of Law, which he completed in May 1989.

In spite of language barriers and other challenges of living in New York City, Xiaoping persevered. Through his determination and diligence, Xiaoping excelled academically. In 1988, he was designated a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar for his academic excellence in law.

Xiaoping's scholarly achievements, however, extended far beyond the classroom. He co-authored "Private Enterprise in China: The Developing Law of Collective Enterprises," published in the Fall 1985 issue of *The International Lawyer*. He also co-authored "The Reform of the Chinese System of Enterprise Ownership," published in the Fall 1987 issue of the *Stanford Journal of International Law*. Most recently, Xiaoping authored "Progress and Problems in the Development of a New Income Tax System for State-Owned Enterprises in China" for the *Journal of Chinese Law*, which appears on the pages that follow.

Xiaoping was an invaluable resource to the *Journal of Chinese Law*. He possessed not only a comprehensive knowledge of the law and languages of China and the United States, but also a sophisticated understanding of the underlying economic and political realities of both countries. Many previous *Journal* articles would not have been published without Xiaoping's expertise. Whenever we had difficulty with a section of a Chinese footnote or text, the solution was always "ask Xiaoping." His untimely death is a tragic loss to both the Chinese and the American legal communities.

While many may have the capacity to help others, few matched Xiaoping in his willingness to do so. Despite his own publishing

deadlines and the pressures of law school, whenever asked to do an additional task for the *Journal* or a favor for a friend, Xiaoping was invariably happy to help out. He often spoke of his desire to eventually return to China to teach law and promote understanding between Chinese and Americans. He also wished to share his experiences here by helping other Chinese students adjust to life in the United States.

To Xiaoping's family—his wife Chen Dandan and their newborn daughter Helen—we extend our deepest and most sincere sympathies, and we send them our best wishes for the future.

We will remember Yang Xiaoping as a brilliant scholar, and inspiring teacher, a trusted colleague, and a dear friend. He will live on in the hearts and minds of those of us who had the privilege of knowing him. We will all miss him very much.