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Dan M. Frangopol Named Honorary Professor of Tongji University

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CTBUH member [Dan M. Frangopol](#), the Fazlur R. Khan Endowed Chair of Structural Engineering and Architecture and Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Lehigh University, received the lifetime title of Honorary Professor of [Tongji University](#) on September 22, 2009. This title is considered Tongji's highest academic honor for professors, and for this reason the selection process for the award is very strict and rigorous. Tongji University is an acclaimed Chinese educational institution renowned for its engineering research.

The award is an acknowledgement of Frangopol's scientific contributions to bridge maintenance, safety, and management and life-cycle civil engineering. The award was presented to him by Professor Yongsheng Li, Vice President of Tongji University. Following the award ceremony, Frangopol gave a lecture on "Integrated Life-Cycle Optimization Framework for Maintenance, Monitoring, and Reliability of Structures and Infrastructures".

According to Professor Airong Chen, Vice Dean of Tongji's College of Civil Engineering and former Chair of its department of bridge engineering, Frangopol has joined a select group of four world-renowned bridge engineers who share this honor from Tongji, including Manabu Ito (Japan), T.Y. Lin (USA.), Jörg Schlaich (Germany), and Man-Chung Tang (USA).

Frangopol is the founder and chair of the [Technical Council on Life-Cycle Performance, Safety, Reliability and Risk of Structural Systems](#) of the American Society of Civil Engineers' Structural Engineering Institute (ASCE-SEI). He serves as president of the [International Association for Bridge Maintenance and Safety](#) (IABMAS) and of the [International Association for Life-Cycle Civil Engineering](#) (IALCCE). He also serves as editor-in-chief of [Structure and Infrastructure Engineering](#), an international peer-reviewed journal included in the Science Citation Index and dedicated to recent advances in maintenance, management, and life-cycle performance covering a wide range of issues related to structures and infrastructure.

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