C.C. Jay Kuo Appointed Fulbright-Nokia Wireless Communications Chair
The Ming Hsieh Department Professor will visit Finland in March-June, 2011

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A professor in the Ming Hsieh Department of Electrical Engineering will serve in "one of the most distinguished appointments in the Fulbright Scholars Program."

C.C. Jay Kuo has been selected to receive the 2010-2011 Fulbright-Nokia Distinguished Chair in Information and Communications Technologies.

The Distinguished Chair position is funded by the Nokia Foundation and the Fulbright Commission of the Finnish Fulbright Center. The U.S. program partner is the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES).

"This appointment is viewed as among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program," according to the web description.

"The Chair is able to engage in a variety of professional activities, such as

- teaching and lecturing,
- mentoring student research at the master and doctoral level,
- developing international exchange collaboration between the American home and Finnish host institution, and
- a brief lecture visit to another European country through the Inter-Country Travel Grant program."

Kuo will visit Finland during the four month period from March to June 2011 under this program. He will conduct research and lecture on power and spectrum-efficient mobile video technology at the Tampere International Center for Signal Processing, Tampere University of Technology.

"The faculty of our department joins me in congratulating Jay on his selection for this distinguished Finnish Fulbright-Nokia Chair and its acknowledgement of his many research achievements in multimedia communications and signal processing," said Alexander A. (Sandy) Sawchuk, Systems Chair of the Ming Hsieh Department of Electrical Engineering.

Kuo, who joined USC in 1989, has received research grants from more than 40 companies, and has published more than 170 journal papers and 790 conference papers. His research spans multimedia compression, communication and networking, and he leads one of the largest academic research groups in multimedia technologies, consisting of about 25 Ph.D. students. The group now has more than 100 alumni, and maintains close interaction with the IT industry.

Kuo received the B.S. degree from the National Taiwan University, Taipei, in 1980, and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, in 1985 and 1987, respectively, all in electrical engineering.