

PREFACE

As the mathematics and physics communities know, Professor S.-S. Chern passed away in December of 2004. We deeply regret the loss of such a beloved leader, a man who led the development of geometry worldwide for the past 70 years. Chinese mathematicians especially are indebted to him for his continual devotion to the training of our young geometers throughout the many stages of their education.

The Asian Journal of Mathematics has therefore chosen to dedicate this special issue to the memory of Professor S.-S. Chern. The contributors to this issue are either his students or geometers who have been deeply influenced by his work. Through these essays, we hope to express our gratitude to him.

The Editors of AJM