

# Grandmaster Chen Zhenglei donated Tai Chi books and DVDs to Pacific Asia Museum

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Grandmaster Chen Zhenglei is the 19th generation of the Chen Family and the lineage holder of the Chen Style [Tai Chi](#) and one of the top ten martial art masters in China. He has devoted his entire life in promoting Tai Chi through teaching, lecturing, and demonstrations. He has also written many Tai Chi classics as well as produced multiple teaching DVDs to popularize the art. Last Tuesday (April 19), he donated several books and a complete set of DVDs to [Pacific Asia Museum](#).

Established in 1971 and located in Pasadena, California, Pacific Asia Museum is one of four U.S. institutions dedicated to the arts and culture of Asia and the Pacific Islands. The museum's mission is to advance intercultural understanding through the arts. Collector and entrepreneur Grace Nicholson (1877-1948) appreciated Asian art and used her residence in Pasadena as galleries and treasure house for it. It then became the home of the museum. The building also served as the site of the Pasadena Art

Museum, which was renowned for its exhibitions of contemporary art. Now the Pacific Asia Museum has combined the spirits of both the classic and contemporary arts of Asia and the Pacific Islands. Remarkably, the museum has collected 15,000 objects in its short history. Some of the items were dated more than four thousand years old. In addition to exhibitions, the museum hosts performances, lectures, classes (e.g. Tai Chi class), workshops, and festivals. It provides quality programming and education to children and families in Southern California and visitors.

In his donation, Grandmaster included the famous Chen Style Tai Chi Collector Set with four volumes (written in Chinese on Chen Style Old Frame Routine One, Old Frame Routine Two, New Frame Routine One, New Frame Routine Two, Tai Chi Internal energy and Meridian, explanation and interpretation of ancient Tai Chi classics, Single Sword, Double Sword, Single Broad Sword, Double Broad Sword, Spear, Staff, Long Pole, Guan Dao, and others), a complete set of DVDs with 60 teaching discs (in Chinese with English subtitle), *Chen Style Taijiquan, Sword and Broadsword* (in English), *Chen Style Taijiquan, Sword and Broadsword* (in Spanish), and ***Chen's Taichi for Health & Wellness*** (in English). He also included *Chenjiagou* (Chen Village) and *Chen Zhenglei Biography* written by Mr. Cui Chun Dong.

This gift was received by Ms. Meiling Su, a Museum representative. When asked to have a photo taken, Grandmaster Chen first declined and mentioned that he has been donating books and DVDs to libraries, museums, and schools in China and overseas and this is really not a big deal.

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