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CNA (2011/01/26) Two more days will be the 101st anniversary of the birth of the late Taiwan sci-tech magnate Kwohting LI. In order to honor as well as in memory of Kwohting LI for his contribution to Taiwan, National Central University held a press conference on January 26 and announced that a newly discovered asteroid has been officially entitled “Likwhoting” with the approval of International Astronomical Union (IAU).

Asteroid No. 239611, discovered by Lulin Observatory at National Central University on October 23, 2008, was officially entitled “Likwohting” by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) in December 2010.

President of National Central University Wei-Ling CHIANG said, Kwohting LI had made outstanding contributions to the economic development and the information technology promotion in Taiwan. In memory of Kwohting LI for his contributions to Taiwan, to call the newly discovered asteroid “Likwohting” aims at making him and his deeds known to the public. He continued, it is difficult to have another Kwohting LI, but if every child could wish to become Kwohting LI, Taiwan will become more promising.

Professor Yi CHOU, Director of Institute of Astronomy, NCU, said: one circle of Asteroid Likwohting around the sun takes 3.48 years; its closest distance to the sun is 3.4 hundred million km, while its longest distance to the sun is 3.5 hundred million km. It was located around Taurus at its first observation, and now it was located around Sagittarius.

Yi CHOU continued, with restricted budget, the program Lulin Sky Survey, LUSS, of Lulin Observatory observes the sky and the asteroids in a planned manner. Up to now, about 800 asteroids, one near-earth asteroid and one comet have been discovered, twenty of which have received official, permanent names. To an observatory with small telescope, the achievement of Lulin Observatory is very successful.

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