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## *Cal Poly Professor Receives American Dairy Products Institute Award of Merit*

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Phil Tong, director of the Dairy Products Technology Center at Cal Poly, was recognized with the Award of Merit from the American Dairy Products Institute (ADPI).

The award was established to recognize those who have made a significant difference in the processed dairy products industry. Tong was recognized for the depth and breadth of his career accomplishments, which includes research, academia, training, publishing and television.

This is the 21st time the award has been presented and the first time it has been given to someone whose principal body of work has been at an academic institution.

Introducing Tong during the luncheon, Jane Carlisle, president of United Industries, Inc., and ADPI Awards Committee chairwoman, noted his research contributions related to dairy ingredients functionality, mentorship of students who have entered the dairy industry, training of global buyers of U.S. Dairy Ingredients, and outreach programs that have provided continuing education for more than 3,000 professionals in the dairy industry.

“ADPI members widely acknowledged Phil's numerous contributions to the processed dairy products industry throughout his distinguished career,” said David Thomas, ADPI's CEO. “We are pleased to recognize his service to the industry.”

“I have been fortunate,” Tong said, “to have worked with so many dedicated colleagues and students at Cal Poly and many other individuals from other universities, companies and dairy industry organizations over the years. Without the financial support we have received from our nation's dairy producer organizations and dairy processors, the work would never have been possible. So this award really is a reflection of a team effort and common goals for the university and the dairy industry.”

For more information on the Dairy Products Technology Center, go to [www.dptc.calpoly.edu](http://www.dptc.calpoly.edu).  
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