

## [News] National Taipei University Academic Lecture: Professor Sheng-Syan Chen on “Empirical Research in Corporate Finance”



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The NTPU College of Business, supported by the Ministry of Education, successfully hosted an academic lecture on “Empirical Research in Corporate Finance” on Friday, September 19, 2025. The event featured National Chair Professor Sheng-Syan Chen from National Taiwan University, a distinguished scholar known for his profound academic output in top-tier international finance journals.

The lecture drew over 300 faculty and students to the packed auditorium. Vice President Yu-Shan Chen and Dean of the Office of Research and Development Yuh-Shyan Chen delivered the opening remarks, setting a high tone for the day.

Professor Chen presented his research across three sessions:

1. “The Governance of Director Compensation” ( 9:30–11:30 ) :

Discussing governance issues arising from self-determined director pay, using US court cases to illustrate how strict legal frameworks can control excessive compensation.

2. “The Savings of Corporate Giants” ( 13:00–14:50 ) :

Analyzing the savings behaviors and financial decision models of large corporations and their impact on capital markets.

3. “The Decline of Secured Debt” ( 15:10–17:10 ) : Examining

the recent trend of decreased secured debt usage and its implications for corporate financing strategies.

Throughout the day, Professor Chen systematically shared his findings, combined theory with practical cases, and encouraged attendees to maintain a critical spirit and passion for research. The lecture concluded with enthusiastic applause, having provided attendees with valuable insights into the latest developments in corporate finance research.