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### **Henry Chiong Vui Yong Selected as YCCD Chancellor**

**MODESTO, CA** – The Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Board of Trustees unanimously selected Henry Chiong Vui Yong to become the YCCD Chancellor. The action will be ratified by the Board at their June meeting. Mr. Yong will begin in the position on July 1, 2017.

“We [the Board] are very excited to have Mr. Yong join the YCCD family. In the short time I’ve been able to become acquainted with Mr. Yong, I have found him to be experienced in a variety of areas and am impressed with his overall knowledge and abilities,” stated YCCD Board Chair Anne DeMartini, “his ‘out-of-the-box’ thinking is truly welcome.”

Henry Chiong Vui Yong is the ninth YCCD top administrator since MJC and Columbia College merged to form the District in 1968. “I am greatly honored, humbled and appreciative of this opportunity to serve YCCD, and I look forward to working with our partners in the community to continue to advance educational opportunities for our students and their families.” said Mr. Yong.

Currently, Mr. Yong is President and Chief Executive Officer at Evergreen Valley College (EVC) in San Jose, CA where he has served in that position for six years. Prior to EVC, he served as the Vice President of Instruction at Taft College for six years. He also served as the Dean of Academic Programs at Victor Valley for 5 years, and three years as the Associate Dean of Occupational Education at West Hills College. Prior to the community college, Yong served as an administrator for the Regional Occupational Program (ROP) for seven years.

Mr. Yong received M.A., and Ed.S. Degrees in Educational Administration and Leadership from Loma Linda University. He is working on his Ed.D. at La Sierra University with a focus on barriers to academic success for first semester economically disadvantaged students.

Mr. Yong has served over 30 years in academia, ranging from high school vocational training, adult education, to community colleges. With experience in both teaching and administration, he holds an inclusive view of the community college system, which allows him to serve the learning needs of students while supporting faculty in their instructional excellence. He believes it is important for students to develop a global perspective in higher education in order to succeed in today’s competitive world.

The Chancellor position was recruited for extensively and advertised nationally. Initial interviews were held, with four finalists participating in public forums and final interviews with the Board.

The YCCD covers a 4,500 square mile area and serves a population of over 550,000, encompassing all of two counties (Stanislaus and Tuolumne) and parts of four others (Calaveras, Merced, San Joaquin, Santa Clara). The District's two colleges, Modesto Junior College and Columbia College served over 20,200 students in spring 2017.

Photos attached:



Henry Chiong Vui Yong

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