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**Yanping Chen** served as vice chair of the PMI Board of Directors in 2008, and has been a PMI volunteer since 1990.

In 1993, Dr. Chen was the first Chinese citizen to achieve the Project Management Professional (PMP)® credential. She was also active on the Certification Committee from 1991-1995. From 2001-2004, she served on the Registered Education Provider (R.E.P.) Advisory Group. From 2005–2007, she was a PMI Director-at-Large. Dr. Chen served as Chair of the PMI Board Task Force on Board Future Profile and Board Leadership Continuity in 2006–2007. She currently serves as Chair of the PMI Board’s PMI Core Values Review Task Team.

Dr. Chen is president of the University of Management and Technology (UMT). Based in Washington, D.C., USA, UMT is an accredited university with more than 8,000 students enrolled. Prior to her service at UMT, she was CEO of the Yankee Clipper Group from 1992-1998.

Dr. Chen has been very active in the project management arena. Prior to coming to the United States in 1987, she was director of planning for the Chinese manned space flight program (1983–1987). Her group established the groundwork for China’s launch of astronauts into space. From 1977–1983, she gained project management experience as a research scientist with the space program.

She also served as director of four Chinese professional scientific societies and achieved national awards in space medical research on eight occasions during 1980s. Dr. Chen was an International Fellow at the Smithsonian Institution from 1991 to 1992. She has authored books and published more than 20 scientific articles.

Dr. Chen earned PhD and MA degrees from George Washington University in Washington, D. C., USA, and earned her MD in China.

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