

## TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH CENTER-EL PASO WELCOMES WORLD RENOWNED RESEARCH SCIENTIST

The Texas A&M AgriLife Research Center in El Paso had the distinct pleasure of hosting a seminar presentation by Professor Yaoru Lu from the Department of Geotechnical Engineering, College of Civil Engineering, Tongji University, Shanghai, China on September 24, 2018. Professor Lu is a world-renowned expert of Karst engineering geology practices and the study of water conservancy, hydropower, railway, mines and town engineering. In 1997, Professor Lu was granted the title of Academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering, the highest honor bestowed upon a scientist.

Dr. Lu spoke about the Geo-Environmental Problems in the Karst Regions of China. He showed many pictures of beautiful remote areas of China while explaining how urban design must consider water, land, energy and biological resources as well as disaster conditions such as landslides, karst conditions, typhoons, storm surges, and earthquakes.



He has developed a list of ten main measures that must be considered in urban development to protect cities from natural disasters.

At the end of his talk Dr. Lu presented the Center Director, Dr. Sheng, with one of his books titled "Karst in China – a World of Improbable Peaks and Wonderful Caves" as a gift to the Center.

