

## TOASTMASTERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## **George Yen**2013–2014 International President

**George Yen, DTM,** of Taipei, Taiwan, is Chairman of the Board of Great Sequoia Corporation, an international management and trading company based in Taipei, Taiwan. In addition, he serves as the chief executive officer of five international joint ventures with Japanese, Canadian and American corporations in the fields of machinery and industrial products. He speaks four languages and holds a master's degree in international relations from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

A dedicated Toastmaster for 24 years, Yen is a member of two Toastmasters clubs. He has held a number of distinguished leadership positions within the organization and has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation—the highest level of educational achievement in Toastmasters.

Yen credits much of his success to Toastmasters. "My Toastmasters training gave me the confidence to stretch my comfort zone," he says. "It has sharpened my clarity and power in thinking, speaking and writing." As for his international career, he says Toastmasters "has expanded my network of friends worldwide and has provided me with a sense of empowerment."

As an officer of the Toastmasters International Board of Directors, Yen is a "working ambassador" for the organization. He leads the Board in developing, supporting and modifying the policies and procedures that guide Toastmasters International in fulfilling its mission.

## **About Toastmasters International**

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, California, the organization's membership exceeds 292,000 in more than 14,350 clubs in 122 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people of all backgrounds become more confident in front of an audience. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit **www.toastmasters.org**. Follow **@Toastmasters** on Twitter.