

4.20 Dear Da, We Miss You Forever

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Dr. Da Ruan is considered as one of the doyens in the area of Decision Research. Deep interest in soft computing based energy policy research brought us closer. We met at the World conference on Soft Computing in San Francisco where he presented an excellent paper in my session. I was also one of the panelists in his well organized panel discussion. I knew Da for eight years from the year 2004, when we started research collaboration together. Our collaborations were fruitful and in that time we co-authored a number of papers in intelligent decision support, decision and policy making under uncertainty, the applications of the Evidential Reasoning approach for nuclear waste management and cost estimation support for large nuclear engineering projects.

Da was so kind that in spite of his busy schedule, he promised me to be with us in November 2011 for the International Conference in India but that was not to happen. The organizers were excited and were expecting a mail from Da but my friend Jie Lu informed about the sad and untimely demise of our beloved friend Da.

Dear Da

You are with us. Now you must be busy in sharing experiences with those who are in heaven. I am confident that they will all appreciate your brilliance coupled with excellent human qualities. I go through your affectionate mails several times and cry almost all the times. You have won our hearts and will do so even in heaven.