

# Learning about Chinese Cultural Geography via Du Fu (712-770)



**Thursday, September 22, 2022**  
**6:00-7:15pm (EST) | Live Webinar**  
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Mr. Philip T. Y. Wang, a retired diplomat of the Republic of China, will give a lecture on the cultural geography of China related to the poetry of Du Fu.

Du Fu (712-770) was a famous Chinese poet and politician of the Tang dynasty. He is often called the greatest of the Chinese poets who also served his country as a civil servant. He lived in his famous "Thatched-Cottage" in Chengdu, the provincial capital and led a quiet life there. With the financial aid from Yan Wu, governor of the Chengdu area, his time in Sichuan turned out to be the most fruitful period of his poetic career. He wrote more than 400 poems there.

As a poet, Du is known for his creative artistic skill, rich imagination, deep compassion, unflinching wit and humor. Also, he is sometimes called the poet of history for he recorded the turbulent times in his poems.

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Director General Wang has served different positions during his diplomatic career in Atlanta, Washington D.C., Honolulu, Commonwealth of Dominica in West Indies other than Miami. Mr. Wang graduated from the Department of Sinology of Fu-Jen Catholic University in Taiwan with a Bachelor's Degree.

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