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Dr. Cheng Yan Davis is the Co-Founder and Secretary-General of the Forum for World Education (FWE). She has been the Special Advisor to the President of the University of Pennsylvania, the President of Teachers College, Columbia University, Shanghai Pudong Government, the Vice Dean of Graduate School of Education at University of Pennsylvania, and the Vice President of Drexel University.

During her tenure working for the top US university, she founded GSE International in 1993, the first international programs office among graduate schools of education of ivy-league universities. She also pioneered cross-national education research through its ground-breaking Six-Nation Education Research Program and its successor, the Eight Nations Education Research Project, which bring together national-level researchers and policymakers from key nations in Asia, Europe, and North America to conduct cooperative research on education policy. She also initiated the APEC (9 nations) Math & Science Teachers Program, which was funded by the US Department of Education and the National Science Foundation.

Cheng's extraordinary achievement in international affairs has earned her numerous recognitions, including Penn GSE Alumni Pioneers Award, the President Award for Excellent Leadership from Drexel University, the Outstanding Leadership award from Princess Sirindhorn of Thailand (2012), and the Princess Maha Chakri Award (2017).