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In the past two decades, Dr. Chung has continuously led the CREATE (Comprehensive Research on East Asian Tectonic Evolution) integrated research project supported by the National Science Council, Taiwan and has applied modern geochemical methods to study important petrogenetic and tectonic problems in Asia. By leading a team that utilized state-of-the-art geochronological, geochemical and isotopic techniques to investigate Tibetan magmatism related specifically to the continental collision between India and Asia, he has published a series of papers that have attracted international attention and extensive citations. As extension of the CREATE project, Dr. Chung began from 2008 working on a geological “Silk Road Project”, which later developed to the research program “Tibet & Beyond” for a comparative study of two world-class continental collision zones in the eastern Tethyan orogenic belt, namely, Tibet/Himalaya in east and Caucasus/Iran/Anatolia in west, and further comparison with other principal orogens on Earth.

Dr. Chung's long-term collaborative activities in regions across East, Southeast and West Asia have not only made outstanding contributions to the promotion of earth science study in the regions, but also inspired a generation of geoscientific researchers from Taiwan and other countries including China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Armenia, Iran and Turkey where he has been working and leading international collaborations. Through his legendary career, he has helped or mentored a large number of younger researchers and students from these countries, and many of them are regional research leaders themselves.