

## Xu Gong Wei Dies; Was “Cultural Heritage”

BURNABY, B.C., Canada — Tai chi chuan master Xu Gong Wei, who died here recently, left a legacy of a loving family and many internal martial students around the world. He was 89.

Xu, born in Feng Hua district in the province of Zhe Jiang, China, immigrated to Canada in 1988. Xu was designated by the Chinese government as a cultural heritage because of his wealth of knowledge in the martial arts. At an early age, Xu was accepted as an inner door disciple of the cha chuan style under master Yu Zhen Sheng.

Xu also studied traditional Chinese medicine as part of his martial arts training. His healing ability and his compassion for people led him to study Chen ji quan (tai chi chuan) under master Chen Chiu Kui, son of well-known master Chen Fake. Xu employed his tui na skills to cure Chen Chiu Kui. In gratitude, Chen Chiu Kui taught Xu Chen style taiji. Beginning at age 28, Xu acted as head coach of the Nan Jing Fire Department in 1959 as well as Nang Jing Technical University in 1980. Xu later held numerous advisory positions in the Nan Jing Technical University and the Canadian Kuo Shu Federation of Toronto.



*Xu Gong Wei  
(left) with  
master Yu  
Zhen Sheng.*

