ABSTRACT

Yung Wing (1828 - 1912) was the first Chinese who received a complete US education and obtained a degree and Ph.D. After completing his education, he returned to China and served his country despite having enormous opportunities of getting attractive salaried jobs in States.

At a period in history where socio-political chaos, economic deterioration, and invasion by strong countries prevailed in China, the search for ways and means of reestablishing social order and rebuilding political and economic institutions, inevitably became the primary concern of the intellectuals of that time. Yung Wing was no exception, he made the effort to save his country by involving in political and educational reforms. Nevertheless, despite his outstanding contribution and profound views in education and political systems of his time, his efforts were not recognized.

This thesis presents Yung Wing's detailed proposals for political and educational reforms and shows his contributions to late Qing, and therefore to make people more aware of his efforts.

An overview of Yung Wing indicates that he was not completely free from the influence of tradition, indeed his thinking and way of life were very oriental.