

Honorary Fellow A Citation



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The standard of public health and medical services in Hong Kong is among the most advanced in the world. That Hong Kong enjoys such a superior position owes much to the fine teams of medical and health practitioners who labour conscientiously around the clock.

Medical and health personnel of the finest calibre are those who work silently behind the scenes, and keep themselves out of limelights and flashes. Today the Chinese University will honour Professor Lee Shiu Hung, who is exactly one of such description.

Professor Lee Shiu Hung is the Emeritus Professor of Community Medicine at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and a specialist in public health, occupational health and administrative medicine. He graduated from the Medical Faculty of the University of Hong Kong in 1958, and furthered his studies in Singapore, and at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in the United Kingdom, where he received training in public health and obtained a number of professional qualifications. He later obtained the Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Hong Kong. In 1960 Professor Lee joined what was known at the time as the Medical and Health Department of the Government, and held a variety of offices pertaining to the administration of public health including the health planning and administration, the management of medical and health services, personal and public health services, infectious diseases control, health education, and occupational and environmental health, having made wide-ranging and distinguished contribution to Hong Kong society. In 1989 he was appointed as the first Director of the newly established Department of Health, a position he held until retirement in June 1994.

Professor Lee's first professional appointment after graduating from the University of Hong Kong was as a Health Officer in the New Territories. Later he was posted to the urban area with the same portfolio. In the 1960's, Hong Kong was highly susceptible to attacks of epidemics, and Professor Lee was tireless in combating against such diseases and personally led medical and nursing teams to various communities for immunisation campaigns. With Professor Lee's leadership and hard work, the spread of once rampant diphtheria, poliomyelitis, measles and cholera were gradually quelled in due course.

In 1994, Professor Lee Shiu Hung was appointed as Professor of Community Medicine and as Chairman of the Department of Community and Family Medicine at the Chinese University. Professor Lee believed that it is of the greatest importance that public health professionals be trained locally and that educational facilities to that end be provided. He was the chief advocate for the establishment of a school of public health at the Chinese University. As the School was



still on the drawing board, Professor Lee took up the onerous task of promotion and facilitation, and was appointed as the Founding Director of the School. In 2001, the first School of Public Health in Hong Kong was established at the Chinese University, and was officially opened in June the same year.

During his time at the Chinese University, Professor Lee devoted much of his time and energy towards the development of community and family medicine, and the promotion of public health. He was instrumental in the setting up of the programmes in public health and epidemiology, and the master's degree programme in health education. He pioneered the Centre for Health Education and Health Promotion, started the training programmes for primary and secondary teachers on health education and in promoting the healthy schools projects. He was the Chairman of the Healthy Schools Programme. The University, to foster the sustainability of health activities, appointed him Chairman of the University Health Service Committee, Convener of the Steering Committee on the Extra Outpatient Services. Since 2000 he has been the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Health Promotion and Protection, which seeks to promote health and hygiene work on the Chinese University campus, and train up students as Campus Health Ambassadors. Professor Lee retired in June 2001 and, in August 2002, the University bestowed the title of Emeritus Professor in Community Medicine on him. At present Professor Lee is an Honorary Advisor of the School of Public Health, Honorary Advisor for External Affairs of the Institute of Chinese Medicine, and a Senior College Tutor at Chung Chi College.

Professor Lee's services to community health are certainly not confined to the CUHK campus. Under his leadership, Tseung Kwan O, Wanchai, Central and Western District, Kwai Tsing and Tsuen Wan are now included in the Healthy Cities project.

It was also largely through the advocacy of Professor Lee that the Hong Kong Society for Infectious Diseases, the Hong Kong Epidemiological Association and the Hong Kong Health Education and Health Promotion Foundation came into being and, with Professor Lee as President of these three organisations, they have worked closely with the Chinese University all along.

Over the years Professor Lee has put his services at the disposal of the community for the furtherance of the common good, and his appointments to public offices are countless. He was the Chairman of the Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health, the Action Committee Against Narcotics, the Occupational Deafness Compensation Board, a Member of the Scientific Committee on AIDS, and is currently a Vice-President of the Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association. Professor Lee also spared no effort in the promotion of public health around the world and his outstanding achievements have been widely recognized. In 1988 he was honoured with the World Health Organisation Medal by the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific. In 2000 he received the Leadership Achievement Award from the Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health, and in the same year he was honoured by the Government of the Hong Kong SAR with the Silver Bauhinia Star in recognition of his



contribution to public health in Hong Kong. In 2002 and 2007 he was presented with three awards in recognition of his contributions to tobacco control in China, Pearl River Delta Region and Asia Pacific.

From Professor Lee's achievements we can draw the conclusion that, from the time he left university to enter the working life, Professor Lee has dedicated himself to the pursuit of the welfare of mankind. It can be justly said that Professor Lee has indeed had a significant part to play, through his experience both at the frontline and as a leader, in bringing medical and health services in Hong Kong to the very high standard we see today.

Professor Lee is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London, a Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, and holds fellowships of many overseas professional associations in preventive medicine, medical administration and occupational medicine.

Professor Lee also has a large corpus of professional books and numerous presentations at various international conferences. In 1994 he published *Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases in Hong Kong*, which summarises his experience in the prevention and control of such diseases over the past 34 years, and is a most valuable reference work.

In order to celebrate his outstanding achievements in the practice and study of medicine, to celebrate his noble spirit in seeking relief and well-being for all people in the world, and to recognize his contribution to the Chinese University, to Hong Kong and to medical and health services all over the globe, Mr Chairman, I present Professor Lee Shiu Hung for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.