

Obituary

In memory of Prof LEE Kin Hung



Prof LEE Kin Hung, MBBS, MD,
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With profound sadness, we mourn the passing of Prof LEE Kin Hung, an eminent figure in obstetrics and gynaecology in Hong Kong.

Prof Lee was graduated from The University of Hong Kong in 1958. He embarked on his career in the university's Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the following year. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1969. He became a member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in 1965 and a fellow in 1984. In 1971, The University of Hong Kong awarded him the degree of Doctor of Medicine, the first person outside the Department of Medicine to be so honoured. In 1993 when the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine was set up, he was one of the foundation Fellows.

Prof Lee's research concentrated on obstetrics. His MD thesis—The use of amnioscopy and fetal blood sampling in the diagnosis of fetal distress—was at the cutting edge of research for its time. He co-edited the bilingual textbook *Practical Obstetrics*, the first local obstetrics textbook. He has also served as Medical Superintendent of Tsan Yuk Hospital. In 1975, he established his own private practice.

Outside of his academic work, Prof Lee contributed greatly to Hong Kong. He served on the Council of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Hong Kong as Honorary Secretary from 1967 to 1973 and President from 1973 to 1975. In addition, he gave years of service to the Medical Council of Hong Kong, culminating in chairing the Council from 2000 to 2003. Between 1970 and 2000, he held several posts in the Hong Kong Medical Association, ultimately becoming its President from 1994 to 1998. He was a Hong Kong Affairs Advisor from 1995 to 1997, specifically a Selection Committee member and an Election Committee member of the medical subsector. He also served

in many other capacities, including a member of the Health and Medical Advisory Committee from 1992 to 2002.

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to medical education for the public, Prof Lee was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire in 1996. We still fondly remember his enthusiastic participation in public health education activities, including the television series *Doctor and You*.

In 2004, Prof Lee was appointed Honorary Professor at the Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong. In the same year, he was elected to be a member of the Standing Committee of the Convocation and a member of the Court of The University of Hong Kong. He was also an active member of The University of Hong Kong Medical Alumni Association, serving as its President from 2004 to 2008.

Prof Lee was a true leader in our field. He will be remembered for his expertise, contributions, humour, and friendly smile. His dedication to advancing our field is an inspiration to us all. He is survived by his wife—Dr HP Lau—and his daughter. We extend our thoughts and deepest condolences to Prof Lee's family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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