



David Todd Oration

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Twice Rendezvous with Hospital Authority



Professor John CY LEONG

Academician, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Former Chairman, Hospital Authority

Professor Leong is presently Chairman of the Hospital Authority of Hong Kong.

Professor Leong graduated from the Medical Faculty of The University of Hong Kong in 1965 and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1969, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1970, a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeon in 1985, and a Fellow of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine in 1993. He was also an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Orthopaedic Surgeons of Thailand (2001), the Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons (2007), and the Hong Kong College of Physicians (2018).

From 1966 to 2003, Professor Leong worked in the University of Hong Kong, for 38 years. He served as Chair Professor and Head of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery from 1981 to 2003. Concomitantly, he headed the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology at Queen Mary Hospital. He was Dean of the Faculty of Medicine from 1985 to 1990, and Director of the School of Postgraduate Medical Education and Training, Faculty of Medicine, from 1993 to 1999. He was conferred Emeritus Professor of the University on his retirement in 2003.

He was appointed President of The Open University of Hong Kong in December 2003 and served to the end of March 2014, at which time he was conferred Emeritus President.

Professor Leong is an internationally renowned clinician-scientist specialising in spinal and paediatric orthopaedics. He has published more than 200 full papers in the top orthopaedic journals, and 37 invited chapters in books or articles in journals. He was President of Societe Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopedique et de Traumatologie (SICOT) (International Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology) from 2002 to 2005, being the first Chinese to head the SICOT.

In 2001, he was elected an Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the first clinician in Hong Kong to receive the honour. He was awarded a Doctorate of Science, honoris causa by The University of Hong Kong in 2011 and by The Open University of Hong Kong in 2014. In 2015, he was conferred an Honorary Doctorate by The Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts.

Professor Leong has been invited as a guest speaker or visiting professor more than 200 times worldwide, including as the C. Howard Hatcher Visiting Professor at Stanford University, the Keynote Speaker at Imperial College London, Greg Houghton Memorial Lecturer of the British Scoliosis Society, the Dewar Spinal Visiting Professor at the University of Toronto, the F.P. Patterson Visiting Professor at the University of British Columbia, and the Francois P. Fouché Lecturer of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa.

Professor Leong is an honorary member of the Orthopaedic Societies of Argentina, Cuba, Portugal and Western USA; British Scoliosis Society, Philippine Spine Society, and the Association of Research Groups in Orthopaedic Surgery. He is an invited member of the American Orthopaedic Association, the Spine Society of Australia, the International Orthopaedic Association (world membership of 30), and the Japanese Orthopaedic Association.



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Professor Leong has been appointed Honorary Professor at Sun Yat-Sen University of Medical Sciences, Norman Bethune Medical University, West China University of Medical Sciences, First Military Medical University, Peking Union Medical College Hospital, 301 People's Liberation Army Chief Hospital, Tianjin University, Sichuan University, and Hainan University and Honorary Director of the Spinal Research Centre of Xinjiang Medical University.

Professor Leong has served on the Editorial Boards of Spine, Injury, JAMA, Current Orthopaedics (Great Britain), Current Opinion in Orthopaedics (USA), Current Orthopaedic Practice (USA), European Spine Journal, Orthopaedics (USA), Journal of Orthopaedic Science (Japan), and seven orthopaedic and medical journals in Mainland China.

Professor Leong has been honoured with the Order of the British Empire, Silver Bauhinia Star, appointment as a Justice of the Peace, the University Fellowship of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, the Walter P. Blount Service Award from the Scoliosis Research Society (USA), the Leader of the Year Award in the category of Education/ Research by the Sing Tao News Corporation Ltd, and the Director of The Year Awards (under the category of Statutory/Non-profit-distributing Organisations Non-Executive Directors) by the Hong Kong Institute of Directors.

Professor Leong's other past government community services include being Chairmen of the Joint Committee of Student Finance, the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation, Public Libraries Advisory Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations of the ICAC, and Consultation Panel of the West Kowloon District Authority.

Professor Leong has also been invited to be AJS McFadzean Orator, Sun Yat Sen Orator, E K Yeoh Orator, Ho Hung Chiu Orator, Arthur Li Orator, and Sir Harry Fang Orator.

He has also been a guest speaker of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers and The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants in 2017.

Hong Kong's public hospital services were under immense pressure in the 1970's and 80's, and healthcare standards varied among the then government and subvented hospitals. After careful study and public consultation, the Hospital Authority Ordinance was passed in 1990, upon which the "Hospital Authority" (HA) was formally inaugurated in December 1990. A year later, the HA gradually took over the management and control of all government and subvented hospitals.

My first encounter with HA dates back to 1990. As Dean of the Medical Faculty of the University of Hong Kong back then, I had the privilege to be appointed to the first HA Board. Nearly two decades later, I had a reunion with the HA family to serve as its Chairman from 2013, working closely with a mega pool of over 79 000 dedicated and professional healthcare practitioners for six years.

Having been personally involved with the HA at two important occasions of its birth and the end of its third decade, I would like to take the opportunity presented by this Oration to share my journeys with the HA. During that time, HA witnessed daunting challenges, such as in the fast growing and ageing population; skyrocketing service demands; reduction in supply of doctors and nurses; budget constraints during the tough macro-economic environment; and gaps in hospital facilities. Building on its mission "Helping People Stay Healthy", the HA family made concerted efforts for continuous enhancements in service efficiency and outcomes, innovation and expansion of clinical services, and audits and assessment. The Government's unwavering support has given us a silver lining by better equipping HA to sail ahead, enabled by two 10-year Hospital Development Plans, proactive human resources strategies, and other innovation and technology developments, all contributing to better public medical services for Hong Kong overall.