



Dr. Eileen Yuen-Yee Tse
20.2.1960 – 22.3.2012

It came as a very great shock to me to learn about the news of Eileen passing away. I can remember quite vividly how she came to the limelight when I was conducting an evening public seminar at the Federation when Prof. Wes Fabb, Dr. David Watson, Dr. Lee Shiu Hung, and Dr. Peter Lee were speakers on the future of primary care development in HK. That was many years ago. A young lady from the audience came out to challenge the local system of general practice in HK. She referred to the UK system of National Health. She was outspoken and her comments made great sense. Later I found out this lady doctor was working in the Violet Peel Clinic and she just came back from Edinburgh. Later she was invited to join the Council. She was Eileen. She had contributed a lot to the College and the development of family medicine in HK. She had been working with me even before I was the President and as you know she had been holding so many important posts in the College including the Editor of the college journal.



HKCFP 15th Anniversary and 6th Conjoint Fellowship Examination on 25th March 1993.



HKCFP Family Medicine Festival – I presented souvenir to Eileen who was the moderator on 1st November 1996.

She was one of the six of us who pioneered the 1st Fraser training workshop of the College and I could remember how stern and serious she was when she commented on us and how critical and relentless she was on giving feedback to the trainees. One female trainee did cry on two occasions during her feedback sessions. That was Eileen, selfless, devoting, righteous and very true. I miss her and treasure the memory of my long history of working with her in the College.

May her soul rest in peace.

Dr. Stephen Foo
 Censor & Past President

Eileen was a good family doctor, a good friend, a colleague I have worked with for many years and a strong and tireless advocate for Family Medicine.

I will always remember Eileen, from the first day I met her when I was chairing a healthcare reform session one night in Wanchai in the late 1990s at the Federation of Medical Societies. She stood up boldly to pose a question. This was the Eileen I know: fearless, always prepared to express her beliefs and never backing out of difficult situations. Then there was the elegant Eileen, in her beautiful "chi po" – vivid memories of her "marriage tea ceremony" at Robert Black Clinic and a different one (chi po) for every annual conferment ceremony. What a faithful Fellow, Council Member, Editor and leader of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians. Eileen and I were partners in practice for quite a few years, moving office from the old Swire House, expanding to a new practice with many facilities in Hing Wai Building in 1997. She had many patients who loved her – treating her as a member of family, totally trusting her and forever seeking her advice. Eileen was determined to deliver high quality care without compromise. I also remember us giggling over lunch that often consisted of fat "char siu" from Yung Kee whilst we discussed diets for patients with high cholesterol. Eileen however remained fit and trim, never revealing to me the secret of keeping that way except for her trail walking. Sorry Eileen, despite your constant encouragement, I still have not gathered the courage to try. We were always close as professional colleagues after she left my practice for the Hong Kong Sanatorium when she helped train many of the brilliant family doctors who are with us today. She also went to Macau to train family doctors. She was indeed tireless in any endeavor to promote Family Medicine.



18th WONCA World Conference Singapore held from 24th to 27th July 2007.

Eileen we shall all miss you, but you will remain in our hearts forever.

Life is but a stopping place, A pause in what's to be, A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity. We all have different journeys, Different paths along the way, We all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay... Our destination is a place, Far greater than we know. For some the journey's quicker, For some the journey's slow. And when the journey finally ends, We'll claim a great reward, And find an everlasting peace, Together with the lord, My deepest condolences to the family. God Bless You All!!

Prof. Donald Li
Censor & Past President

*she reminded us of why we chose to become family doctors --
to help people, improve health and to make the world a better and fairer place.*

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Dr. Billy Chiu and Dr. Eileen Tse

The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians mourns the passing of Dr. Eileen Tse. We feel sorry for this sad news and also for the great loss to the family of family physicians.

For those who were ever her mentees, trainees, colleagues and friends, Eileen should never be forgotten. I would like to share with you a memory which will be echoed by many of you. Eileen was my Family Medicine trainer and for me, her impact extended well beyond that of a trainer. In fact I regarded her more as my elder sister. Once, when I went hiking with Eileen, I was concerned: "the slope is too dangerous, I dare not go down with you anymore ...". She stayed calm and said very pragmatically, in a way that only Eileen could say, "What's the big deal Billy? You might just fall down and hurt your back...". Eileen, you were a great "Trailwalker" in every sense of the word, and we will miss your tough and great character! We will also remember your unfailing encouragement and will always bear in mind your words that "all the difficulties are not difficult".

Being a strong advocate of the discipline of Family Medicine, Eileen took a leadership role to promote the concept and impact of Family Physicians in regional and overseas events, such as Education for Macau GPs and WONCA Regional and World conferences. She also believed that our College is the major institution for standard setting in family medicine and she contributed through her involvement in most of the Boards and Committees of the HKCFP. As a dedicated teacher of Family Medicine, an academic family physician in private clinical practice, Eileen was a most skillful and respected teacher in undergraduate medical education, in the Postgraduate Diploma in Community Psychological Medicine, and in the discipline of Family Medicine Training.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Eileen's family and we send our heartfelt condolences. Eileen will remain fondly in our memories forever. She is survived by us, and we will carry on her beliefs, mission and passion for her chosen discipline, and for life.

Dr. Billy Chiu
Hon. Secretary