Dr. Emmanuel Lok-Pan Chang
4.11.1929 – 24.3.2011

We are much saddened to learn the news of Dr. Emmanuel Chang passing away on 24 March 2011 at Queen Mary Hospital. To many of the present generation of family physicians, Dr. Chang was a stranger. The fact that our College has achieved the present status of a medical specialty owes much to the devoted efforts of many of our senior members, one of whom was Dr. Chang. Back in 1975, during the early formation of the College (then known as HK College of General Practitioners) Dr. Chang was a Council Member of the HK Medical Association (HKMA). He was one of the delegates from HKMA to visit the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners to study the feasibility of forming a college of general practitioners in Hong Kong. This visit paved the pathway for the establishment of the Interim Council of the College in 1976 when Dr. Chang was the Hon. Treasurer. During the first General Meeting of the College in 1977, Dr. Chang was selected Hon. Treasurer of the 1st Council of the College. He had been holding the post for 10 years before he retired from the College in 1990.

Dr. Chang was a medical graduate of the University of Hong Kong in 1954. Having worked for a few years at the St. Paul's Hospital as a resident, he started his own solo general practice in Hong Kong. He retired to live in Toronto, Canada in 2001.

D. Chang was very active in the HKMA being a Council member and the Hon Treasurer from 1970-1980. Dr. Chang was baptised as a Catholic in 1949. He was instrumental in forming the Guild of St Luke, SS Cosmas and Damian in 1953. He was Master of the Guild from 1976-1979.

Dr. Chang was held in great esteem by his colleagues. He was compassionate, knowledgeable, caring and was liked by many of his patients. He will be greatly missed for his warm and wonderful personality and for his immense contribution to the discipline of general practice in Hong Kong. Dr. Chang is survived by his wife Elizabeth, two sous, a danghter and six grandchildren.

Dr. Stephen Foo