

Professor Lap-Chee TSUI
Vice-Chancellor, The University of Hong Kong

Professor Tsui was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong in May 2002 and has assumed office as the fourteenth Vice-Chancellor of the University on September 1, 2002.

Prior to his appointment, Professor Tsui was Geneticist-in-Chief and Head of the Genetics and Genomic Biology Program of the Research Institute at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He was also the holder of the H.E. Sellers Chair in Cystic Fibrosis and University Professor of the University of Toronto. He is the Immediate Past President of HUGO, the international organization of scientists involved in the Human Genome Project.

Professor Tsui was born in Shanghai and received his education in Hong Kong. He was awarded bachelor and master's degrees from The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1979. After a brief training in the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, he joined the Department of Genetics at The Hospital for Sick Children. He received international acclaim in 1989 when he identified the defective gene (viz. Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Regulator (CFTR)) that causes cystic fibrosis, which is a major breakthrough in human genetics. While Professor Tsui's current research continues towards a better understanding of cystic fibrosis, he is also active in other genetic and disease gene research.

Professor Tsui has received numerous awards and honours over the years. His honours include the titles of Distinguished Scientist of the Medical Research Council of Canada, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Fellow of the Royal Society of London, Fellow of Academia Sinica, and Fellow of World Innovation Foundation. In addition to many national and international prizes, he received honorary doctoral degrees from the University of King's College, University of New Brunswick, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, St. Francis Xavier University and York University. He was appointed to the Officer of the Order of Canada, the Order of Ontario, and was awarded the Killam Prize.

Professor Tsui has served as the Chairman of the Biology and Medicine Panel of the Research Grants Council of the University Grants Committee of Hong Kong during 1994-2002.

Professor Tsui has published more than 300 research papers in the most prestigious international scientific journals.



HONG KONG COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS

The Fourth Ho Hung Chiu Lecture

Lim Por Yen Lecture Theatre
Hong Kong Academy of Medicine
Jockey Club Building

18th October 2003

Prof. John H. C. Ho, CBE

Programme

7:00pm

Introduction of Professor Lap-Chee Tsui

Dr. Lilian Leong

7:15pm

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Genetics and Genomics in Disease Studies

Prof. John Ho Hung Chiu was born on 6 July 1916 in Hong Kong. He completed his secondary education in St. Joseph's College and then studied medicine at the University of Hong Kong. He obtained his medical degree in 1940. After graduation he served in the army in China during the Pacific War from 1941-45. He returned to Hong Kong after the war and was in charge of the Lai Chi Kok Infectious Disease Hospital at the time when there were several epidemic outbreaks. Prof. Ho then went to Manchester and London. He obtained the MRCP in 1947 while under training in radiology. He was elected Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 1963. His mentors in therapeutic radiology included Sir Brian Windeyer and Ralston Paterson. Prof. Ho is the only radiologist who obtained the double qualifications in diagnostic and therapeutic radiology conferred by The Royal College of Radiologists.

Prof. Ho returned to Hong Kong in 1949 and formed the Institute of Radiology & Oncology (IRO) in 1950. In addition to holding the directorship of IRO since its inception, Prof. Ho also held the post of Consultant in-charge of the entire radiology service of the territory until his retirement in 1986. Prof. Ho was affectionately known as The "Emperor Ho" for laying the very foundation upon which the present achievements in Radiology and Clinical Oncology in Hong Kong have been realized.

His academic achievements are immense. He delivered the 32nd Skinner Lecture to The Royal College of Radiologists in 1967; has awarded the First Patrick Manson Gold Medal for his MD thesis on nasopharyngeal carcinoma in 1974; delivered the 6th Digby Memorial lecture in 1974; delivered the 1st del Regato Foundation Lecture in 1977; delivered the 5th Annual Lecture to the Gilbert H. Fletcher Society in 1980; conferred by HM Queen Elizabeth II the CBE in 1985; awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the UICC in 1990; delivered the first Werner Henle's Memorial Lecture in 1996. He was the author of numerous textbooks and had published more than 150 original papers in most of the referred journals. He was also elected Honorary Fellow of the American and Canadian Colleges of Radiology.