Redesigning Radiology Service for the needs of the 21st Century -- a non-radiologist's view

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Dr. C.H. Leong is currently the President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Leong graduated M.B.B.S. from the University of Hong Kong in 1962. Since then he has developed a distinguished career in three directions - as an academic, as a politician and as a public service person.

Dr. Leong joined the University Department of Surgery, Hong Kong Hospital at Queen Mary Hospital after graduation as a clinical assistant, moving onto assistant lecturership, lecturership, senior lecturership and finally Reader in Surgery. During this period he was awarded the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Edinburgh and Aberdeen. He was also a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Though a general surgeon, his interest is in urology, and he was responsible for setting up and development of the Haemodialysis service at Queen Mary Hospital since 1964. He pioneered kidney transplantation, and performed the first cadaveric renal homograft in Hong Kong in 1969. His interest in Urology and extensive scientific researches won him a Foundation Professorship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1978 through his work on using the stomach to replace the bladder. Dr. Leong was made Honorary Professor of Surgery, Hong Kong University in 2001.

Dr. Leong's academic records extend outside Hong Kong. He was awarded the China Medical Board Fellowship and the Li Ka Shing Travelling Fellowship where he travelled extensively and lectured in Hong Kong and the United States and Australia. He was instrumental in the development of urology in Macau and many cities in the Mainland for which he holds the Honorary Surgeon and Professor of the King's College Hospital in Macau, the Sun Yat Sen Hospital in Guangzhou and Urumqi (乌鲁木齐).

In 1988, concerned with the development of Hong Kong leading up to, and after the transfer of sovereignty, Dr. Leong moved into politics. He won a seat in the Legislative Council on that year and stayed on for 12 years traversing the legislature of the British Colonial Government and the Special Administrative Region (SAR) Government. It was here where he fought for professional autonomy for professional standards to be enshrined in the Basic Law. He pushed for the establishment of the Academy of Medicine as a statutory body to formulate structured postgraduate medical and dental training. In fact he spearheaded the formation of many Academy Colleges. Dr. Leong was also instrumental for the setting up of the Council for Traditional Chinese Medicine, Chiropractors and Veterinary Surgeons and on Reproductive Technology and Human Organ Transplantation. For all these and others he was made a Justice of Peace and was awarded the O.B.E. by the British Colonial government and the Golden Bauhinia Star G.B.S. by the HKSAR Government.

C.H. Leong was extremely dedicated to public services, in particular in areas of health care and social needs. He was involved in the constituent of the Hospital Authority Ordinance, the setting up of this statutory body and remained as its member all the way from the Provisional Hospital Authority for 18 years and finally took up the Chairmanship. He was Chairman of the Anti-Cancer Society, Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care, International Drug Abuse Foundation, Hong Kong AIDS Foundation, Global Chinese Aids Network and most recently co-chairing the Hong Kong Committee on Chinitis Initiative. He founded the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation, the Hong Kong Society of Urologists. He was also the Chairman of the Government’s Medical Development Advisory Committee, the President of the British Medical Association (Hong Kong Branch) and the President of the Hong Kong Medical Association. For all these he was awarded Honorary Fellow of the Hong Kong College of Community Medicine and the Hong Kong College of Physicians. His alma mater also honored him with a University Honorary Fellowship.

He has delivered many named lectures, in particular, the Dighton Memorial Lecture, the G.H. Ong Lecture, the Sun Yat Sen Oration and most recently the MacFadden Oration.
Hong Kong College of Radiologists  
The Fifth Ho Hung Chiu Lecture

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

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Programme

7:00pm  
Introduction  
Dr. Lilian Leong

7:15pm  
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Vote of Thanks  
Dr. CK Law

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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 Windley 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 EIM 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.