

## **Professor CHOW Shew-ping**

### **Honorary Fellow of HKCOS 2012**

Professor **CHOW Shew-ping**, Justice of Peace, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (University Relations), The University of Hong Kong, Chair Professor in the Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology, and Founding Fellow of this College and the Academy.



Professor Chow graduated from The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong in 1968 and joined the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in 1973 initially as Lecturer. He pursued his specialty training in Orthopaedic Surgery and later in Hand and Microsurgery in the United Kingdom and the United States between 1972 and 1977. He is a Master of Surgery (MS) of the University of Hong Kong, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was appointed Chair Professor in 1990. Professor Chow was Dean of the Faculty of Medicine between 1995-1998.

Professor Chow is a world-renowned expert in upper limb disorders as well as microsurgery. He has published over 200 refereed articles and book chapters and has given many lectures around the world. Among his many accolades, he performed the first successful microsurgical replantation of a severed thumb in Hong Kong in 1977; he carried out record-breaking microsurgical repair of blood vessels of only 0.15 mm diameter in 1980; and in 2000 he pioneered the development of an artificial finger joint suited for the Chinese.

Professor Chow has held esteemed positions in many international professional bodies. He has helped to put Hong Kong on the international scene. He was Chairman of AO East Asia in the early nineties, and was instrumental in bringing in the AO courses to Hong Kong. He helped founded the Hong Kong Society for

Surgery of the Hand and later served as the President. He held the Presidency of the Asia-Pacific Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand, and as the Founding Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Hand Surgery*. Professor Chow was also President of the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association in 1983-84, and Censor of the College of Orthopaedic Surgeons in 1993-94.

Professor Chow is also keenly involved with voluntary and charitable activities. On a personal note, he has volunteered in Bangladesh, Africa, Indonesia, Mainland China, including the then Vietnamese refugee camps in Hong Kong. He is the Honorary President of the Hong Kong Physical Handicapped and Able-Bodied (PHAB) Association. He is advisor to the Salvation Army, Red Cross, and NGOs in special education and sits on many statutory and non-statutory bodies. He has also promoted university students' and medical students' interest and participation in many community development and relief works.

Among his many accomplishments and contributions, Professor Chow would certainly be acknowledged for his foresight and perseverance, while being Dean of the Medical Faculty, in revolutionizing the almost century old curriculum, and introduced problem-based learning, putting medical education in Hong Kong, once again, a step forward in the international scene.

Despite his busy schedules, Professor Chow enjoys meeting and grooming younger surgeons. He always finds time to pursue his hobbies such as hiking, table tennis and appreciation of fine wines, and sharing them with his colleagues and friends. Many Fellows and residents will bear witness to the numerous good times they have had together, be it drinking or hiking, or walking down Aberdeen Street and Hollywood Road.

Mr. President, Professor Chow is a world-class surgeon, a pioneer, a scientist, a medical humanitarian and an educator. He is also a friend, a role-model, a "Yoda" to many of us. I would therefore like to present you Professor **CHOW Shew-Ping** for the Honorary Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons.