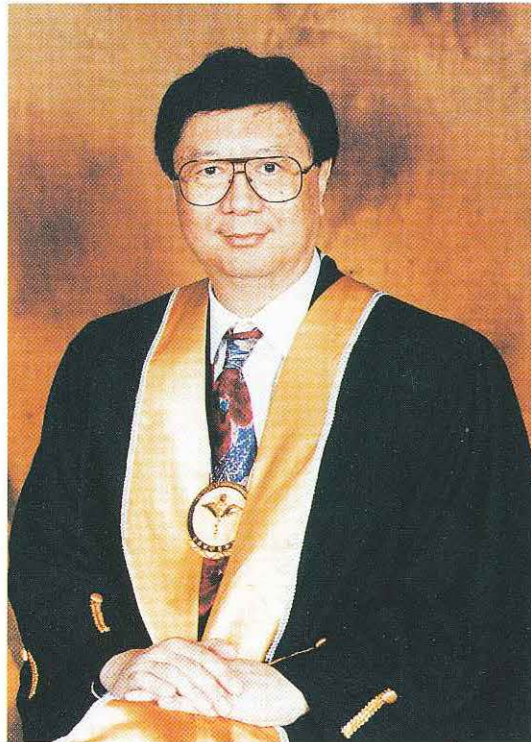


Obituary

Dr. Timothy Liu Kai-ching



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Dr. Timothy Liu Kai-ching, former President of the College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong passed away on April 11, 1997 after a short illness. Dr. Liu graduated from the Medical Faculty, University of Hong Kong in 1964, did an attachment in ophthalmology in the Moorfield Eye Hospital and obtained D.O. (England) in 1969. In 1972, he was appointed Consultant Ophthalmologist in charge of the entire government service. He served in that position from 1972 to 1991. During this period, he was responsible for the clinical service of all eye clinics and taught the entire generation of ophthalmologists graduated from Hong Kong Government service who are serving Hong Kong community today. During this period, he also built two outstanding ophthalmic facilities in Hong Kong namely the Hong Kong Eye Hospital and Lo Ka Chow Paramedical and Ophthalmic Centre of the Tung Wah Groups of Hospital. In twenty years, he devoted all his energy and concentration to the development of the ophthalmology specialty in Hong Kong. In addition, he also served as the Chairman of the Hong Kong Ophthalmological Society from 1974 to 1976 and as the Foundation Chairman of the Hong Kong Federation of Societies for Prevention of Blindness from 1981 to 1991. For his outstanding achievement, Hong Kong Government awarded him with Justice of Peace (J.P.) in 1982. In 1993, when the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine was being organized, Dr. Timothy Liu was elected Dean of Faculty of Medicine under the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong. In that position, he actively

organized and laid down many of the ground rules of the College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong, and he became Founding President of the College in 1994. He retired from government service in 1996 and one month before his death, he stepped down from the Presidency of the College of Ophthalmologists.

Dr. Timothy Liu will be remembered for his singular devotion to the government ophthalmic service for twenty years and ushered the maturation of the specialty in Hong Kong. With his paving the way, the Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, serving University of Hong Kong and Hospital Authority, was developed in 1994. Dr. Liu was a true gentleman. He was fair, honest and helpful, and was most caring for his trainees and juniors. Dr. Timothy Liu was blessed with a happy family and three children who are all grown and are finishing their university education. He is sorely missed by his clinical colleagues and his patients.

Professor Mark O M Tso
President

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