## **Professor Shekhar Madhukar Kumta** Honorary Fellow of HKCOS 2021

Professor Shekhar Kumta completed his MBBS at the Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College, under the auspices of Bombay University, in Mumbai, India, in 1980. He completed his Orthopedic training under the leadership of Professor. Nandu Laud at the Lokmanya Tilak Medical College and Municipal General Hospital; He was awarded the Master of Orthopaedic Surgery (M.S.) in 1984. He then developed a niche in Trauma care, with exceptional experiences in major pelvic and extremity trauma.

Professor Kumta was also mentored by the well-known doyen of Hand Surgery in India, Dr. BB Joshi. Dr. Joshi introduced



Professor Kumta to Hong Kong in 1984, after which Professor Kumta was given the opportunity to work with Professor PC Leung as a visiting lecturer in Hand Surgery in Prince of Wales Hospital.

Professor Kumta is a pioneer in orthopaedic oncology. For more than three decades Professor Kumta has made enormous contributions towards the development of orthopaedic oncology service in the region. He was also responsible for establishing the Tissue Bank at the Prince of Wales Hospital and developed collaborative research with several leading institutions worldwide.

Professor Kumta's interests in Oncologic reconstructive surgery and the molecular histogenesis of Giant Cell Tumor of Bone have given him global prestige and recognition. He has pioneered the techniques of joint-sparing resections in children and opened up the pathways for the future development of navigation surgery. Professor Kumta completed his tenure at the Chinese University after 33 years of service and remains as Professor Emeritus at the university in recognition of his contributions. Professor Kumta retains a strong interest in education and the professionalism of medical students and trainees in surgery. He has received numerous awards and recognition for his contributions to teaching. He is currently the Academic Lead and Professor of Surgery at the University of Melbourne, Australia.