

# **Professor CHENG Chun-yiu Jack**

**Honorary Fellow of HKCOS 2024**

Professor Cheng Chun-yiu Jack is currently an Emeritus Professor of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. After graduated with MB BS degree from the University of Hong Kong in 1976, he was awarded the Commonwealth Medical Fellowships to further study and training in orthopaedics at the University of Oxford and the University of Edinburgh in 1982-83 and later a Croucher Fellowship to prestigious Paediatric Orthopaedic Centres in North America including Toronto Sick Children Hospital, Iowa University Hospital, Seattle Children Hospital, Rochester University Strong Memorial Hospital in 1987. He was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine (with merits) by CUHK in 1999.



Professor Cheng joined CUHK and PWH in 1983 and had served as Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology for over 10 years (1997-2002, 2013-2018), Sub-Dean (Medical Education) and Associate Dean (Education) of the Faculty of Medicine, University Dean of Students and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (2002-2012) and awarded the prestigious Honorary Fellow of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (2023).

In recognition of his remarkable performance in teaching and research, CUHK conferred on Professor Cheng the Choh-Ming Li Professorship of Orthopaedics and Traumatology in 2015. His exemplary academic leadership was further acknowledged by the Hong Kong Government, which appointed him to serve as a member of the University Grants Committee (UGC) from 2008 to 2013, and subsequently as a member of the Research Grant Council of the UGC from 2014 to 2016. When CUHK-Shenzhen planned to establish its School of Medicine, Professor Cheng was appointed Director of the Joint Planning Office (JPS) and played a pivotal role in steering the school to a successful beginning. Upon his retirement in 2018, he was awarded the title of Emeritus Professor, a fitting tribute to his lifelong dedication to education and medicine.

Professionally, Professor Cheng was the Foundation Fellow of the CSHK, HKCOS, HKAM, President of the HKSSH (1990-92), President of the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association (1995-96), Council Member of the HKCOS (1995-2002), Hon Treasurer of HKCOS (1998-2000) and member of the Board of Examiner since inception of the Exit examination. He was also Fellow and member of over 20 local and prestigious international professional and medical organisations including the POSNA, SRS, IFPOS, IRSSD, APOA and the IPOTT (International Paediatric Orthopaedic Think Tank).

A tender-hearted and proficient doctor, Professor Cheng focused his clinical expertise and research on paediatric orthopaedics, with special interest in congenital muscular torticollis, bone mineral and bone health research and the etiopathogenesis of adolescent idiopathic scoliosis,. His initiation and setting up of the paediatric orthopaedics and scoliosis clinical services in PWH, active contribution to early screening and extensive related research on etiopathogenesis of scoliosis and clinical management has made significant impact locally and internationally.

Professor Cheng's research contributions are extensive. He has published over 480 peer-reviewed research articles in international journals (with an H index of 61 and Scopus total citation of 15,000), 1296 conference presentations, contributed to 22 book chapters and received more than 52 research related awards. He has personally supervised and co-supervised over 42 Mphil/PhD postgraduate students, over 30 visiting clinical and research fellows and served on the editorial boards and as reviewer of over 20 international professional journals.

Professor Cheng's vision and leadership exemplifies the profound impact that dedicated medical professionals and academics can have on society, both locally and globally. His legacy is one of compassion, dedication, and excellence, inspiring future generations of doctors and scholars, healthcare professionals, fellows and graduate students to strive for the highest standards along the four pillars of quality clinical services, research excellence, education/training and active contributions to the community and advancement of the profession.