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| Prof. James W. Shih is currently a senior advisor at the Innovax Biotech Inc. Xiamen, China and Professor Emeritus of the School of Public Health, Xiamen University, China since 2016. For over 10 years, he was Professor of Microbiology at the National Institute of Diagnostics and Vaccine Development in infectious diseases at the Xiamen University, China. He retired from the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, USA in 2006.  While at NIH, he was a senior principle investigator and served as the Chief of Lab Study, Infectious Disease Section and Supervisor of the Transmission Transmitted Virus Lab at the Department of Transfusion Medicine, Blood Bank, NIH Clinical Center. Prof. Shih is a microbiologist with over 30 years of experience in the biomedical field.  Most of his career is associated with the development and the understanding of the hepatitis viruses and their clinical implications. Prof. Shih has managed active research programs in viral discovery and the development and evaluation of vaccines against hepatitis B and hepatitis C. He has extensive experience in development and clinical evaluation of serological and molecular diagnostics in infectious diseases. In addition, he has broad knowledge and experience with the blood safety issues.  Since 2006, after arrived China, he has engaged in bridging scientific and technology exchange between China and other countries. He has been working with WHO and other NGOs on different China vaccine projects. Currently, he is engaging in developing international collaborative projects one of them is the evaluation of hepatitis E vaccine.  Within PACE-UP Prof. Shih will contribute through collaboration on joint research projects. | |