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More Honour for CUHK's Vice-Chancellor

Professor Arthur K.C. Li, Vice-Chancellor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, will be awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the Royal Society of Medicine. Professor Li is the first academic from China and Hong Kong to receive such an honour.

The Fellowships Committee of the Royal Society of Medicine has decided unanimously, with ratification by the Council of the Society, that Professor Li is to be bestowed the Honorary Fellowship by the virtue of his distinguished contributions to surgery as well as his academic eminence. This is the highest honour that the Society can bestow on an individual. Altogether, the Society has a total number of just 100 Honorary Fellows, excluding Royalty and past Presidents.

The Royal Society of Medicine was founded in 1805 and is recognized internationally as the most prestigious umbrella medical organization. It consists of nearly 17,000 Fellows from all medical disciplines, with 40 Specialist Sections and 12 Fora, which include lay membership. Each year, it holds some 350 Section meetings, together with 20 to 30 major international conferences, concerned with postgraduate medical education, development and improvement of health care.

Professor Arthur K. C. Li took up the post of the Foundation Chair of Surgery at The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1982. Since then, he led the Department of Surgery into being amongst the best recognized surgical centres in the world. It now attracts young surgeons from across the world for higher specialist training here in Hong Kong.

The leadership of Professor Li has led him to being elected the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. He established the first academic Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University for the education and training of all medical students in the territory. His major contributions in surgery, especially in the difficult area of hepatobiliary surgery, have led the Faculty to be recognized as one of the top medical faculties in Asia.

In August 1996, he became Vice-Chancellor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Last year, Professor Li was awarded the President's Gold Medal of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in recognition of his outstanding achievements and service to surgery. With this Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Society of Medicine, Professor Li is not only being honoured by surgeons but by all other specialists in different medical specialties.

Photo of Professor Arthur K C Li will be distributed via GIS. For enquires, please call Ms Cheung Man-yi of the Information and Public Relations Office of CUHK at 2609-8896.