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Prof Owen Llewelvn Lloyd Appointed as Professor of Community and Family Medicine

Prof Owen Llewelyn Lloyd, who has been appointed as Professor of Community and Family Medicine by the Chinese University of Hong Kong from January 9, 1991, said that his Department was planning research projects which aimed at solving local problems in community and occupational medicine.

In the past decades, the rapid growth in industry and the pressures on natural environments have brought risks of various community and occupational diseases. As a city with high population density and fast development in industry, Hong Kong shares the same problems with other advanced industrial countries. That is why Prof Lloyd considers Hong Kong an ideal place for research in community and occupational medicine and has accepted the chair appointment at the Chinese University.

An expert in environmental and occupational medicine, Prof Lloyd has devoted his past 16 years in teaching and research in diseases related to environmental pollution. He has carried out numerous studies not only in his home country, Great Britain, but also in Canada and in Europe.

One of the research programmes he is going to launch with his colleagues in the Department of Community and Family Medicine is to chart out the distribution of different diseases which may be caused by occupational problems and environmental pollution. He explained that the result could be very useful in finding the causes of the diseases and for working out solutions to the problems.

According to Prof Lloyd, community health education is also important. His Department is planning to provide both professional courses and general courses to specific groups and the general public in the promotion of knowledge in family and community medicine.

Aged 51, Prof Lloyd has wide academic interests. From 1959 to 1978 he obtained from the University of Edinburgh the qualifications of MA, Dip.Ed., M.B.Ch.B., B.Sc., Ph.D., Dip.Com.Med., and MD. He was made FFCM in 1984, MFOM in 1986, and FRCP (Edin) in 1990.

Prof Lloyd joined the Faculty of his alma mater in 1968 and worked in the Department of Physiology for about six years. He then served as a Fellow in Community Medicine, Lothian Health Board, for three years before he took up a teaching post in the Dundee University as Senior Lecturer in 1977. Prof Lloyd developed a successful career during his 13 years at Dundee, teaching first in the Department of Community and Occupational Medicine and then in the Wolfson Institute of Occupational Health and the Department of Community Medicine. He joined the Chinese University in January this year.

A prolific writer, Prof Lloyd has published numerous academic papers on his fields of speciality. His significant publications include "Soil Pollution from a Chemical Waste Dump" (with Dr Smith GH), "Methodological Investigations into Low Technology Monitoring of Atmospheric Metal Pollution, part 1-3" (with Dr Gailey F), "Raised Mortality from Lung Cancer and High Sex Ratios of Births Associated with Industrial Pollution" (with Dr Smith G H & Dr Lloyd M M) and "An Atlas of Mortality in Scotland" (with Drs Williams F, Berry W, and Florey C).

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Attachment: Photo of Prof Owen Llewelyn Lloyd