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The Vice-Chancellor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Professor Charles K Kao, has recently been elected a Fellow of The Fellowship of Engineering, United Kingdom (FEng). This is another important honour bestowed upon Professor Kao in 1989, after his being awarded the Faraday Medal by the Institute of Electrical Engineers earlier this year.

Founded in 1976 on the initiative of HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, and a group of distinguished engineers, the Fellowship is an independent self-governing body of elected professional engineers of all disciplines in UK. Its objective is to pursue, encourage and maintain excellence in the whole field of engineering for useful purpose in order to promote the advancement of the science, art and practice of engineering for the benefit of the public. Its nature and status is akin to that of the Royal Society, only that membership is confined to the most distinguished engineers. The inaugural meeting of The Fellowship was held at Buckingham Palace. HRH Prince Philip is the Senior Fellow and HRH The Duke of Kent a Royal Fellow. The Fellowship also acts as the UK academy of engineers in international affairs and maintains close links with both the Royal Society and the UK Parliament Group for Engineering Development.

Election to The Fellowship is by invitation only and Fellows are chosen from among eminent engineers regarded by virtue of their personal achievements in the field of engineering as being of exceptional merit and distinction. The Royal Charter of The Fellowship states that the total number of Fellows at any one time should not exceed 1000.

Professor Kao, famed for his pioneering work on optical fibres, is also Fellow of the Institution of Electrical Engineers (FIEE), the Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers (FIEEE) and the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (FHKIE). Over the years, he has received highly prestigious honours for his many scientific achievements, including the 1989 Faraday Medal awarded by IEE, the L M Ericsson International Prize presented by His Majesty King Carl Gustav of Sweden, the IEEE Alexander Graham Bell Medal, the Eleventh Marconi International Fellowship, and Membership of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Science. His election to the Fellowship of Engineering, UK, further attests his high standing as an internationally renowned engineer.