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Prof Robert L Jones Appointed as Professor of Pharmacology

Prof Robert L Jones, the newly appointed Professor of Pharmacology of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, said that apart from expanding his Department, he also hopes to promote research into drug development in Hong Kong.

An active pharmacologist, Prof Jones has devoted the past 20 years to research on the mechanisms of action of new drugs. His major research interests include the pharmacology of eicosanoids (oxygen-containing metabolites of arachidonic and related acids).

To enhance the research programmes in his Department, Prof Jones is planning to collaborate with the Department of Chemistry of the Chinese University in investigating new compounds for drug research. He would also consider promoting links between his Department and the pharmaceutical industry in Japan for future drug development programmes.

According to Prof Jones, pharmacology is a practical rather than a theoretical subject which involves much research and experimentation. A good sense for new chemical structures and a sound memory are essential elements for pharmacological studies. He is glad to find that medical students in Hong Kong are particularly enthusiastic about experimental work but still hopes for further improvement in their analytical skills.

Prof Jones obtained his B Pharm and Ph D degrees from the University of London in UK in 1967 and 1970 respectively. Upon graduation, he joined the University of Edinburgh as lecturer and was promoted to readership in 1977. He joined the Chinese University as Prof of Pharmacology in January this year and is currently the Chairman of the Working Party of the new Department of Pharmacy which will later be part of the Faculty of Medicine.

Prof Jones is a member of various academic bodies including the Society for Drug Research; the British Inflammation Research Association; and the British Pharmacological Society, of which he was an editorial board member from 1976 to 1982, and from which he received the Sandoz Prize in 1974.

Prof Jones has published numerous academic papers on his fields of speciality. His significant publications include "Antagonism of the thromboxane-sensitive contractile systems of the rabbit aorta, dog saphenous vein and guinea-pig trachea" (with V Peesapati & N H Wilson), "Thromboxane-induced phosphatidate formation in human platelets" (with W K Pollock, R A Armstrong, L J Brydon & D E MacIntyre) and "EP171: a high affinity thromboxane A₂ mimetic, the actions of which are slowly reversed by receptor blockade" (with N H Wilson & R A Lawrence).

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Attachment: Photo of Prof Robert L Jones