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The Chinese University of Hong Kong has appointed Prof Stephen James Oppenheimer as Professor of Paediatrics from 1st June 1990.

Aged 43, Prof Oppenheimer obtained his BA and B.M., BCh. from the University of Oxford in 1971 and was admitted as MRCP (UK) in 1975. He was conferred a DM in 1987 and an MA in 1988, both from the University of Oxford.

Prof Oppenheimer has held various appointments both within and outside the UK since 1979, acquiring extensive teaching and clinical experience in Paediatrics. He taught at the Department of Tropical Paediatrics in the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine from 1979 to 1984 and had been on secondment to Papua New Guinea for some three years during the period. From 1984 to 1987 he was based in the Department of Paediatrics in Oxford as Senior Lecturer but also continued to hold an honorary post in the Department of Tropical Paediatrics in Liverpool. Before he joined The Chinese University of Hong Kong, he was Associate Professor of the Department of Paediatrics, Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia, and Honorary Senior Lecturer of the Department of Tropical Paediatrics, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

When asked about his mission in The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Prof Oppenheimer said that besides teaching and research, the Paediatrics Department will also strengthen its clinical services, especially in childhood cancer and general paediatrics, so as to serve the relatively young population of New Territories East better.

Meanwhile, the department is trying to raise funds to support a longitudinal study of "Growth in Chinese Children", which is unique in the world.

Attachment: Picture of Prof Oppenheimer
