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<u>CUHK appoints world-renowned</u> specialist as new Professor of Pathology

An internationally acclaimed expert in surgical pathology, Professor Anthony Siew-yin Leong, has been appointed Professor of Anatomical and Cellular Pathology at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK).

A distinguished scholar in surgical pathology, Professor Leong's pioneering works on the application of microwaves in the pathology laboratory have been widely recognised in the medical world.

His discovery of silicone embolisation in patients on long term hemodialysis (in 1981) also gained wide international recognition.

He has interests in all aspects of surgical pathology, especially tumour pathology and the applications of new technologies such as immunohistochemistry and molecular techniques for diagnosis.

An Honorary Fellow of the Hong Kong College of Pathologists, Professor Leong has maintained a close link with Hong Kong.

"My relocation to Hong Kong," he said, "is prompted by my desire to make a contribution to medical science in the Territory and its neighbouring countries, particularly China.

"With my very similar cultural heritage, I can understand and appreciate the background of students and pathologists in the region. This strength will enhance my contribution."

Professor Leong will teach general and tumour pathologies at the Chinese University and will continue his research on the application of microwaves.

He has also started writing a book on liver cancer in collaboration with colleagues at CUHK, including Professor Choong-tsek Liew, Professor Joseph W. Y. Lau and Professor Philip J. Johnson.

Professor Leong was Director of Surgical Pathology at the Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science and Clinical Professor at the University of Adelaide before accepting his new appointment.

Dr Leong is an active medical practitioner involved in many activities. He is a prolific writer and is widely sought as a lecturer and workshop conductor.

In addition to his teaching and research work, Professor Leong has written and edited 10 books and published over 250 papers. He is on the editorial boards of 11 prestigious international journals.

Professor Leong is sought as a consultant from a large geographic area which covers Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Thailand and Europe.

Beyond the campus, Professor Leong is active in public service.

He is President of the Australasian Division of the International Academy of Pathology, and consultant to the World Health Organisation on electron microscopy.

He also serves as International Advisor to the Indonesian Society of Oncology and is a member of several international panels of experts on malignant lymphoma and breast cancer.

Born in Singapore and now an Australian national, Professor Leong received his MB and MS degrees from the University of Malaya in 1969, and his MD degree from the University of Adelaide in 1983.

In the 20 years prior to his appointment by The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Professor Leong was teaching and practising in various Australian institutions.

They included The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, the South Australian Institute of Technology, the University of Queensland and the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

- * Note to Editors: A photo of Professor Anthony Leong will be sent via GIS press boxes today
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