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HEALTH DIRECTOR JOINED THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY

"The Department of Community and Family Medicine at The Chinese University will play an important role in setting up a centre of expertise in public health and become a Collaborating Centre with the World Health Organization in areas such as epidemiology, occupational health and health care for older people," the newly appointed Professor of Community Medicine at The Chinese University, Dr Lee Shiu Hung said.

As Chairman of the Department of Community and Family Medicine, Professor Lee envisages that his department will actively strengthen its undergraduate studies and postgraduate medical training. He is planning to set up a Master in Public Health programme and to launch joint research projects with other clinical departments and medical organizations.

Professor Lee Shiu-hung who joined the civil service in 1960 has had extensive experience in public health, preventive medicine, health planning, epidemiology and medical administration. As Director of Health from 1989 to 1994, Professor Lee introduced a series of major reforms to improve the quality of local medical services and won the Government's recognition of family medicine as a specialty in its own right.

Apart from successfully eradicating smallpox, diphtheria, whooping cough and poliomyelitis from Hong Kong, Professor Lee has made significant contribution to the control of cholera, measles, hepatitis and other communicable diseases since the 60s. He initiated the inclusion of the new and effective MMR vaccines and hepatitis B vaccine into the immunization programme.

Professor Lee graduated with MB, BS degrees from the University of Hong Kong in 1958 and received his postgraduate training in public health and occupational health from University of Singapore and University of London. He was made Doctor of Medicine by the University of Hong Kong in 1992 for his comprehensive review on the prevention and control of 26 communicable or sexually transmitted diseases in Hong Kong.

A highly respected figure in his professional field, Professor Lee is currently President of Hong Kong Society of Community Medicine and Hong Kong College of Community Medicine. He is also a Fellow/Honorary Fellow of many medical colleges and associations in the UK and Australia.

Professor Lee Shiu-hung received the WHO Health for All Medal from the World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific in 1988.

Attachment: Recent picture of Professor Lee Shiu Hung

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