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## NEURONAL RESCUERS THROUGH THE RETINA

The retina, being a part of the central nervous system (CNS), has been a convenient object for the study of neural degeneration which is one of the main causes for aging.

Members of the ophthalmological studies at The Chinese University have designed a new therapeutic approach through the retina to rescue the degenerating neurons in the CNS.

Professor Mark Tso, Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, will, at his inaugural lecture, present his recent successful experiments with astaxanthin in neuronal rescue.

The lecture, entitled "From the Elixir of Emperor Qin Shi Huang to the Neuronal Rescuers of the 20th Century", will take place on March 3 at 5 pm at the Lecture Theatre in the Prince of Wales Hospital. All are welcome.

Professor Tso received his medical education at the University of Hong Kong and obtained his MBBS degrees in 1961. He furthered his studies in the US and received training in ophthalmology and anatomic pathology in leading medical institutions such as the University Hospital at Boston and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

Professor Tso took up his present post at The Chinese University in March 1994. Before that he was professor of ophthalmology and a Senior University Scholar at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He also served as medical director of the eye bank of the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute from 1989 to 1994.

Professor Tso is a member of many professional societies, including the American Ophthalmological Society, the Verhoeff Society, the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and the National Society to Prevent Blindness. He was President of the American Association for Ophthalmic Pathologists from 1984 to 1986, President of Verhoeff Society in 1984 and President of the Chinese-American Ophthalmological Society from 1988 to 1990.

Apart from the many international awards Professor Tso has received, he was recently honoured with a Doctor of Science degree by the University of Hong Kong.

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