

HKU -- Dr Cheng Yu Tung Fellowships Symposium
Opening Ceremony
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Remarks by Ms. Leonie Ki, Governor, Chow Tai Fook Charity Foundation

Professor Paul Tam, Professor SY Leung, Professor YS Chan, distinguished speakers, fellows, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning! I am delighted to meet everyone on this special occasion.

“Giving back to society” has always been at the heart of the late Dr Cheng Yu-Tung and his family. Back in 1997, we launched the Dr Cheng Yu Tung Fellowships to support medical professionals from Mainland China to undertake clinical attachment, health care management and clinical research training. The programme was revamped in 2015 with a newly defined focus on clinical training. We have awarded a total of 415 fellowships over the past two decades. This demonstrates the strong ties between Hong Kong and Mainland China that we cherish in our hearts.

We are inspired by the same ideal of improving people’s lives through quality medical care. To all the fellows, you are trailblazers in a lab coat as you embark on this magnificent journey of professional and personal growth in this programme. Be a change agent in the medical field. Your quest for the best practices in health care and your dedication to unlock new discoveries will bring hope to the patients and their families.

Today, 130 homecoming fellows are here for this symposium to discuss current trends and issues with leading figures from local and overseas academia and healthcare organisations. A warm welcome to you all. The opportunities to learn and grow are limitless. I encourage our fellows to learn from the best, brave the challenges together, and find your purpose as a medical professional. The future is ours to make.

On behalf of Chow Tai Fook Charity Foundation, congratulations to our Dr Cheng Yu Tung fellows on their excellent work and outstanding achievements in research and clinical practice. Professor Liu Depei (劉德培), our visiting professor when the programme was

launched in 1997, had been President of the Peking Union Medical College (北京協和醫學院) from 2001 to 2011. And many other fellows have taken up the roles of Vice Dean, Head of Department, Professor or other leading positions in their home institutions and contribute to our country. As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Fellowships programme, special mention must go to all the parties involved, especially the HKU Faculty of Medicine and the mainland institutions supporting this programme. Without your huge effort, this would not have been possible.

I hope you will enjoy this special occasion which commemorates the 130th anniversary of the Faculty of Medicine. And to finish, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year!