



## Prof. Man-Chun Chiu (1949–2021)

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Prof. Man-Chun Chiu has passed away peacefully on 29 September 2021 at Princess Margaret Hospital in Hong Kong after fighting a courageous 10-year battle with cancer.

Prof. Chiu was a phenomenal leader spearheading the development of Pediatric Nephrology in Hong Kong, China, and Asia, with a career spanning over 40 years. Having graduated from the University of Hong Kong in 1974, Prof. Chiu received training in Pediatric Nephrology at the Great Ormond Street Hospital and Guy's Hospital, UK. Upon return to Hong Kong, Prof. Chiu was appointed Consultant Pediatrician at Princess Margaret Hospital (Hong Kong) in 1988, and later on was the Chief of Pediatrics for almost two decades.

Prof. Chiu dedicated his life to the care of children with kidney diseases. He always had the vision that the specialty could be better developed in this part of the world. In the early days of his career, kidney failure was a deadly disease in young children. Prof. Chiu took on the challenge to set up the first Pediatric Nephrology Centre at the hospital, and introduced automated peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis, and transplant services for children. He co-founded the Children's Kidney Fund to solicit support from the local community for the expenses of dialysis and medications for children. He was a caring doctor who served with humility, and was loved and respected by his fellow colleagues and patients



Following the successful establishment of the local service, Prof. Chiu decided to extend his mission to mainland China, where he travelled and taught extensively. With his advice and support, the specialty blossomed in China, and multiple pediatric nephrology units were set up to save children's lives. To further strengthen the networking, Prof. Chiu contributed to founding of the Hong Kong Pediatric Nephrology Society (1989) and Asian Pediatric Nephrology Association (AsPNA, 1996). He was appointed the Assistant Secretary of the IPNA in 2010. Prof. Chiu created a legacy and gained recognition internationally. During the past 3 decades, he contributed immensely to the teaching of pediatric nephrologists in many countries in Asia. He was awarded the AsPNA Achievement Award in 2013 and the honorary membership of IPNA in 2019. In the meantime, Prof. Chiu published

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over 80 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, which continue to be influential in the field.

Prof Chiu was a fighter for truth, love, and excellence in all areas of his life. He was not only a legendary pediatrician, but also a musician, lyricist, and writer. Prof. Chiu will be fondly remembered by his loving family and life-long friends across the globe. His legacy will live among those whom he has trained and worked with, and we are so privileged to have known him. He will be missed dearly!

*“I lived my life to the full, with no regrets.” Prof. Man-Chun Chiu*

*(Extracted from the lyrics of his hymn “A young heart”)*

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