

## **Award for Life-time Distinguished Service to HKIA**

### **Dr. Donald Yu**

Dr. Donald Yu is the Founding President of the Hong Kong Institute of Allergy. He graduated from the University of Hong Kong (HKU) in 1960 with Honors and three Gold Medals. He was trained at the Institute of Diseases of Chest, University of London from 1964-1966 and also at the University of California, San Francisco in 1970. In 1976, he was awarded the Bristol Myer Exchange Fellowship to Page Chest Pavilion, University of Sydney; and Department of Medicine, Alfred Hospital, Melbourne.

Dr. Yu worked in the University Medical Unit from 1962 to 1982, where he did a lot of research and teaching, and took charge of running the Lewis Cardiopulmonary Lab in 1977-81. He was the Physician in charge of the Medical and Cardiac Unit of Grantham Hospital before he resigned to join the private sector. Since then, he has headed the Chest division of 813 Medical Centre, Hong Kong. Presently, he is the Honorary Clinical Professor of the Department of Medicine of HKU.

Back then, when Dr. Yu was teaching in HKU, he was very popular among medical students. Many of us here were his students and we still remember those evening rounds in Queen Mary Hospital with Dr. Yu which we all enjoyed and learnt a lot of clinical acumen from him.

As a chest physician, Dr. Yu has fostered a genuine interest in the field of Allergy. Together with other founding members he created the Hong Kong Institute of Allergy in 1996 and became its Founding President.

Since the inception and inauguration of the Hong Kong Institute of Allergy, Dr. Yu has never failed to be personally involved in all matters of the Institute, especially in areas concerning its development.

The Hong Kong Institute of Allergy is very proud to have Dr. Yu as its Founding President and as its permanent advisor. His expertise, wisdom and humor are nutrients that the Institute feed on for growth. His selfless service to the Institute is truly outstanding!