

## **Life-time Distinguished Service Award 2025**

### **Dr. Alfred Tam**

It is with immense pleasure that Dr. Alfred Tam is awarded the Hong Kong Institute of Allergy's Lifetime Distinguished Service Award 2025, in recognition of his over forty years of transformative contributions to paediatric allergology and respiratory medicine.

Dr. Tam is a true pioneer. As Hong Kong's first formally recognized Specialist in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine, he single-handedly established the subspecialty's foundation. His early training at world-renowned institutions like Great Ormond Street Hospital equipped him to introduce advanced care standards, which he implemented while leading the NICUs and PICUs at Queen Mary Hospital.

His academic contributions are both profound and practical. His seminal research on air pollution's impact on childhood bronchial responsiveness provided critical evidence that continues to inform public health policy. His extensive publication record demonstrates a sustained commitment to scientific inquiry that directly improves patient outcomes.

Beyond his clinical and research excellence, Dr. Tam has been a cornerstone of education, serving as an Honorary Clinical Associate Professor at both HKU and CUHK, shaping generations of paediatricians.

Most significantly for this award, Dr. Tam has been a pillar of our Institute for twenty years, since its inception. His enduring service on the Council has provided invaluable stability and vision. Furthermore, he has been the heart of our community, instrumental in organizing social events that foster the fraternity and friendship essential to a vibrant professional society.

For his pioneering clinical leadership, impactful research, educational legacy, and — above all — his two decades of dedicated service to fostering the HKIA community, Dr. Alfred Tam embodies the highest ideals of lifelong distinguished service. He is a most deserving recipient of this honour.