

Our Fond Memory
For the Late Professor HE Xiaohu



President of the Chinese Pediatric Society, CMA
President of Asia Pacific Pediatric Association
Standing Committee Member of International Pediatric Association

Professor HE was born in January 1937 in Fujing, China. She was graduated from the Department of Medicine, Beijing Medical College (currently known as Faculty of Medicine, Beijing University) in 1959. She joined the Beijing Children's Hospital in the same year and engaged in medical teaching and research work until now. In early 1980s, Professor HE was awarded the World Health Organization (WHO) Scholarship to have overseas study in the United States (1982 to 1985). She passed the WHO examination and the British Michigan English Test with flying colours. She obtained further subspecialty training and postdoctoral research in the Subspecialty of Paediatric Rheumatology under the world-famous pioneer of the Subspecialty Dr. Earl J. Brewer Jr., M.D., FAAP at the Rheumatology Section and Division at Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine, United States. During her three years of postdoctoral research, she had done a lot of research and clinical work on rheumatic diseases in children with excellent achievements and outstanding results. After returning to Beijing Children's Hospital, she set up the first National Childhood Connective Tissue Disease Research Section, followed by establishment of an outpatient clinic and in-patient services for childhood Rheumatology first in Beijing and then throughout the whole nation of China. She excelled her work in Paediatric Rheumatology through her clinical skills, patient management, teaching and research for more than 40 years.

Professor HE Xiaohu worked as *Director of Connective Tissue Disease Research Section*, Beijing Children's Hospital, *Supervisor of Master Students*, *Professor of Paediatrics* and *Attending Paediatrician* in the Capital Medical University and Beijing Children's Hospital. As professional leader, she has been Chairman of the Paediatric Division of the Chinese Medical Association (2002-2006), Honorary Chairman of Paediatric Division of the Chinese Medical Association, (2007- present), President of the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) (2006-2009), Standing Committee Member of the International Pediatric Association (IPA) (2007 to 2013), as well as Vice Chairman of Academic Steering Committee of the Chinese Pediatric Journal. As a leading world expert in Childhood Rheumatology, Professor HE was member of the Standing

Committee of the Chinese Society of Rheumatology, Standing Committee of the Asian Society of Rheumatology, International Association of Rheumatology and Member of the Task Force Group. Academically, she worked as member of Editorial Boards for the Chinese Journal of Clinical Pediatrics, the Chinese Journal of Rheumatology, the Clinical Pediatric Journal, the Asia-Pacific Rheumatology Board, the Japanese Modern Rheumatology Magazine, and the International Pediatric Rheumatology Online Journal (PROJ). Throughout her professional career, she had published more than 50 papers in peer-reviewed Chinese and International journals. Professor HE also participated in the preparation of the various novel textbooks in Paediatrics and in Child Health such as *"Practical Pediatrics"*, editions 5, 6 and 7, *"Modern Pediatrics"*, *"Rheumatology"* and other books on childhood rheumatology. She was the Chief Editor of the Book on *"New Guide on Child Care"* 《育兒指南新編》, "Words of Wisdoms from Medical Experts - Pediatric Section" 《醫家金鑑-兒科篇》. She was conferred the Beijing Science and Technology Progress Award twice and the APPA Asian Outstanding Pediatricians Award in 2006. As Secretary General of the Organizing Committee, she worked closely with Professor JIANG Zaifang, Congress President, Professor WU Xiru, Professor SHEN Kunling and others to organize the 23rd International Pediatric Congress in Beijing in 2001 with over 5,000 attendants (3360 foreign delegates and 1360 local delegates). This was so far, the largest international medical conference held in China. In October 2009, Professor HE, as Congress President, together with Professor GAO Yondhao and Professor SHEN Kunling successfully hosted the 13th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics in Shanghai with a total of 2536 delegates (1258 foreign and 1278 local) attended the meeting and subsequently she was elected as President of the Asia-Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) (2009 to 2012). These two conferences were highly appreciated by local and international professionals both in terms of academic standard and organizational capacity.

We are all sad that Professor HE has left us. To the profession, we have lost a great leader, a respected senior, a close friend and a great multi-talented colleague. To our children, they will forever miss this great paediatrician who has devoted her lifetime to the promotion of their health and welfare. She has indeed established a strong infrastructure for her successors to promote and demonstrated clear directions for her colleagues to follow. She will be eternally remembered by all of us at the medical profession.

Professor HEXiaohu passed away peacefully at the age of 80 years old in the early morning of June 28, 2017 in Beijing. She is survived by her two sons and numerous grandchildren. To her family, we would like to convey our most sincere condolences. To the medical professionals, we shall forever miss her!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chan Chok-wan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Chok-wan CHAN

President of International Pediatric Association (IPA) (2007-2010)

Honorary President of Asia-Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA)