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Professor Philip Chiu is currently the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), Shun Hing Education and Charity Fund Professor of Robotic Surgery, and the Director of Multi-Scale Medical Robotics Center of CUHK. He is also the Director of Endoscopy of Prince of Wales Hospital and the New Territories East Cluster of the Hong Kong Hospital Authority.

Professor Chiu graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of CUHK in 1994 with two scholarships. He became a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine in 2001 and received his Doctor of Medicine from CUHK in 2009.

Professor Chiu joined the Faculty of Medicine of CUHK as Associate Professor of Department of Surgery in 2005, and subsequently progressed to Professor in 2010. He has contributed to the development of the Faculty in various capacities such as Director of CUHK Jockey Club Minimally Invasive Surgical Skills Centre, Director of Chow Yuk Ho Technology Centre for Innovative Medicine and Associate Dean (External Affairs).

Professor Chiu is an internationally renowned scholar on upper gastrointestinal surgery and a pioneer of novel endoscopic and robotic surgery. He is the first to perform endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) for treatment of early GI cancers in Hong Kong in 2004. In 2010, he performed the first Per-oral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM) in Hong Kong. He pioneered the world's first robotic gastric ESD in 2011, followed by the world's first robotic colorectal ESD in 2020.

His research interests include oesophageal cancer management, minimally invasive and robotic esophagectomy, novel endoscopic technologies for diagnosis of early gastrointestinal (GI) cancers, endoscopic surgery as well as robotics for endoluminal surgery. He has published near 400 peer reviewed manuscripts and 6 book chapters, and is currently a co-editor of *Endoscopy*.

Professor Chiu has served on numerous committees locally and beyond. He was a Council Member of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong (2010-2022), Vice President of the Hong Kong Society of Robotic Surgery (2014-2017), President of the Hong Kong Society of Digestive Endoscopy (2014-2016). In 2013, he founded the Asian Novel Bio-Imaging & Intervention Group (ANBIIG) to promote training and education of early GI Cancer in the Asia Pacific Region, and served as Chairman until 2020. He was the President of Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Surgeons of Asia (ELSA) (2021-2023). Currently, he is a member of the Steering Committee of Health and Medical Innovation Development of the Health Bureau of HKSAR Government, Chairman of Surgical Endoscopy Committee of the World Endoscopy Organization (WEO), and an Executive Board member of The Upper GI International Robotic Association (UGIRA), which he co-founded in 2017 to facilitate effective implementation and advancement of robotic oesophageal and gastric surgery worldwide.

Professor Chiu has received numerous prestigious awards for his notable achievements, including State Scientific Technology and Progress Award from People's Republic of China (2007), 2nd Class Award in Technological Advancement, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China (2011). His research on POEM was awarded best of DDW (2011) and first prize of ASGE World Cup of Endoscopy (2012). He was selected as Asia Pacific Digestive Week JGHF Emerging Leader Lectureship (2016) and Global Outstanding Chinese Youth (2016). He received two Gold Medals with Congratulation from Jury at the International Exhibitions of Inventions of Geneva (2019, 2023) and the Spirit of Hong Kong Award on Innovation (2020). In 2023, he was bestowed Honorary Membership of the European Association of Endoscopic Surgery and the Karl-Storz-Harold Hopkins Golden Telescope Award at the Hamlyn Symposium on Medical Robotics by Imperial College London.

Alongside his commitments to education, research and clinical service, Professor Chiu also dedicates himself to community care and support. During the fifth-wave of COVID-19 pandemic, he championed a vaccination outreach programme to provide over 3,000 life-saving injections to the young and old at risk.