

CITATION FOR HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

Professor Davy Cheng



Professor Cheng has a distinguished academic career. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto in 1983 and completed his internal medicine internship and anesthesia residency in 1987. By 2001, Professor Cheng held the rank of Full Professor and Deputy Chief of Anesthesiology at the Toronto General Hospital, University of Toronto and as Medical Director, Cardiovascular Surgery Program, University Health Network (UHN), Toronto. Before he joined The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen as the Founding Dean and Presidential Chair Professor of the School of Medicine in July 2021, he was the Distinguished University Professor, Vice Dean, and Interim Dean of Department of Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine, and an intensivist in Critical Care Medicine in the Department of Medicine, at Western University. He served 3 terms as the Chair and Chief of the Department of Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine at London

Health Science Centre, St. Joseph Health Care and Western University for 16 years. At the University administration level, Davy has served as Vice Dean (Faculty Affairs) and then Acting Dean of the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, Western University, Canada until April, 2020.

Professor Cheng is a globally recognised healthcare leader in the forefront of research, education, practice and healthcare policy in the fields of perioperative surgical and anaesthesia care, cardiac surgery, critical care medicine, and evidence-based clinical decision-making. Besides his exceptional leadership contributions to the Canadian Anesthesiologists Society and the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists, he was an esteemed member, Program Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chair of the International Anesthesia Research Society (IARS) Board of Trustees from 2007 to 2019. Professor Cheng has received many awards and honours, such as the Gold Medal and CAS Research Recognition Award by the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society; Excellence in Medical Leadership Award by the Canadian Society of Physician Executives; Outstanding Contribution Award by the Chinese Society of Anesthesiology. Professor Cheng was the first anaesthesiologist inducted as a Fellow at the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (FCAHS) in recognition of his great accomplishment and achievement in the academic health sciences in Canada. He was also inducted the highest award by the German Society of Anaesthesiologists and Intensive Care as its Honorary Fellow.

Professor Cheng is best known to us for his pioneer work in fast-track cardiac anaesthesia and recovery. This has become the standard of care for cardiac anaesthesia practice in Hong Kong and around the world. He has also established the Evidence-Based Perioperative Clinical Outcomes Research and the MEDICI Centre (Medical Evidence, Decision Integrity, Clinical Impact) at Western University and the London Teaching Hospitals; and has collaborated with many of us in Hong Kong to produce a number of high-impact, pivotal publications and consensus guidelines to direct evidence-based medical and surgical practices. Professor Cheng was educated, trained and had worked in Canada for many years, but he has strong ties to Hong Kong. Since 2001, he was appointed as Visiting Professor of CUHK. He had participated as external examiner for the Final Medical Professional Examinations (2002). He had conducted the Commissioned training for the Hospital Authority to establish the cardiac anaesthesia program in Hong Kong (2001, 2006, 2008 and 2010). Professor Cheng was also a frequently invited speaker in our annual scientific meetings. He delivered named or plenary lectures in 2004, 2009, 2012, 2017, 2019 (postponed to 2020 as virtual meeting). He also helped in organising the World Congress of Anaesthesiologists in 2016 (as Chair of Circulation Scientific Sub-Committee) in Hong Kong. Currently, he is the treasurer of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists.

As he is now working next to us, his work in CUHK(SZ) will certainly stimulate further exchange in innovative teaching, research and collaboration between our fellows and members with colleagues in mainland China, especially those in the Greater Bay Area. With his prior and future contributions, we believe Professor Davy Cheng is deserved to be awarded the Honorary Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists.

Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I present to you Professor Davy Cheng for the award of Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists, honoris causa.