

Honorary Fellow Professor Tinly Wong Tin-chee



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Professor Tinly Wong Tin-chee, the Founding Director of the Community Med Care Clinic and the convenor of Angel Mission, which offers free medical consultation service, is a highly respected Chinese medical practitioner and philanthropist. Given his abundant energy, it is difficult to imagine that as a small boy, he suffered from rheumatic heart disease, for which he was hospitalised on and off for over two years. The prolonged stay in the hospital with the care of his parents allowed Professor Wong to witness at the tender age of 11 the human body's frailty and the pain that sickness can bring to patients and their loved ones.

Later, under the encouragement of his father, Mr Wong To-yick, also a Chinese medicine practitioner, Professor Wong became ever more curious about Chinese medicine. In his long and fruitful medical career, he has dedicated his efforts to treating young patients suffering severe sicknesses, bringing hope to their lives.

Professor Wong is the Executive Director of Wong To Yick Wood Lock Ointment Limited and Founder and Executive Director of Herbalgy Pharmaceutical Limited. He is also the Founding Director of the Hong Kong T.C.M. Orthopaedic & Traumatic Charity Development Foundation.

Professor Wong's philanthropist endeavours began in 1991 when severe flooding hit eastern China, causing immeasurable damage to property and human lives. Professor Wong visited the affected areas and observed that while international aid was rapid and generous, it provided only temporary relief. The long-term post-disaster work of reconstruction was equally important and required much more careful planning. Professor Wong was thus prompted to establish the Caring For Children Foundation and raised enough money to launch an education programme to build schools and offer long-term mental health counselling services.

To Professor Wong, medical treatment should not stop at removing the symptoms but aim at finding the cause. Without a sufficient grasp of how different body parts relate to each other, eradicating the symptoms will leave the root causes undetected. Professor Wong's approach may appear circuitous at times, but it consists of an ingenious combination of acupuncture, herbal medicine and medical appliances and instruments, some of his design, to produce results.

Professor Wong keeps a sound mind and body in his spare time by practising martial arts and archery. The latter, moreover, seems to inform his outlook on life at a deeper level. An archer must maintain a calm spirit and a properly oriented mind. As written in the *Li Ji*, "The archer seeks to correct himself before discharging his arrow." Professor Wong recognises that the philosophy inherent in archery can be applied to other endeavours in our lives. In running his clinic and managing his work teams, Professor Wong seeks to attain a state of equanimity by reflecting on problems as they arise.

On one occasion, accompanied by a friend, Professor Wong visited City University of Hong Kong (CityU). When it came to his attention that financial constraints sometimes prevented outstanding students from participating in activities that broadened their horizons and enriched their minds, Professor Wong generously set up CityU exchange scholarships, an act of charity in keeping with the spirit of the Invision Charity Foundation that he established in 2013 to nurture the young. In addition, he encourages his relatives to give to CityU. In appreciation of his support, CityU named

Lecture Theatre 401 in the Bank of China (Hong Kong) Complex as the Herbalgy Lecture Theatre and Lecture Theatre 17 in the Yeung Kin Man Academic Building as the Wong To Yick Tong Lecture Theatre.

Chairman of the Council and President, Professor Wong Tin-chee's compassion and empathy best illustrate the Chinese saying, "A doctor should have the heart of a parent." He aims to restore the patients' health and their peace of mind and those of their family members. To CityU students, Professor Wong is a generous benefactor whose donations allow many of them to take advantage of opportunities that expand their minds, and through these actions, he has furthered the University's educational mission. And so it is my most incredible honour to present to you Professor Wong Tin-chee for the conferment of an Honorary Fellowship at City University of Hong Kong.