



Professor Vivian Taam Wong
Chairman, Friends of the Earth (HK)

Biography

A Fellow of three specialty colleges (FRCOG, FFPH, FRCP), Professor Vivian Taam Wong JP, is Honorary Fellow of HKU and OU as well as Hon Professor in the School of Chinese Medicine, HKU, Adjunct Professor in the School of Chinese Medicine and School of Public Health, CUHK. She left the position of Reader in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, HKU to become the Chief Executive of Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) and, subsequently, Hospital Authority (HA) of Hong Kong. Her experience as Public Health Specialist in Policy & Research at the World Bank and Consultant to WHO reflects her commitment to improve the health and wellbeing of the community.

She had been involved in the ethics of clinical research when the Faculty of Medicine, HKU started the Research Ethics Committee (REC) in the 1970s. This evolved to the formation of the REC in the style of Institutional Review Board from USA in QMH in the late 1990s. The model was used for the 7 clusters covering the whole of HA resulting in a unique system of communication of values and judgement. A central committee on medical ethics was formed in parallel for debate of critical issues such as consent for 'Do Not Resuscitate' which was also started in QMH.

After serving on the Board in various capacity since 1995, she has been elected chairman of Friends of the Earth (HK) in 2013 when she began to examine the ethics of giving and receiving in relation to Corporate Social Responsibility and environmental protection.