



Professor Alfred Chan

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Biography

Professor Chan has been both a practitioner in welfare services for older persons and an academic in social gerontology. Starting his career as a nurse and later on as a social worker in serving older persons. Professor Chan has extensive skills and knowledge in health and social care services and policy making. His academic interests, such as the interpretation of intergenerational relationships, ageing and long-term care policies in Asia Pacific, the development of health and social care measurements, Quality of Life, Caring Index, etc. are closely related to this area and have been widely published in refereed journals. He is currently the Director of Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies and Office of Service-Learning at Lingnan University.

Professor Chan sits on many Government advisory bodies, including the Chair of Elderly Commission, Chair of the Ethics Committee of the Council of Human Reproductive Technology and Chair of the Working Group on Diet and Physical Activity, Department of Health, HKSAR Government. From September 2009 to August 2011, he was also the Chairman of the Working Group on Long Term Care Model that promotes long term care policy in the region and is responsible to oversee a Government-commissioned study on community services. From April 2006 to August 2009, Prof Chan chaired the Working Group on Active Ageing that promotes nation-wide active ageing programmes, and the Committee on Opportunities for the Elderly Project of the Social Welfare Department. He is a member of the Hong Kong World Health Organisation Quality of Life Instruments (Elderly) Study Team, and a consultant on ageing and social development issues for the United Nations Economics and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). He has recently been appointed by Tsao's Foundation of Singapore and National University of Singapore (NUS) to be an Advisor for their International Longevity Centre (i.e. Robert Butler's ILC Global Network) from June 2011.

In recognition of Professor Chan's invaluable contributions to Lingnan University and the community, he was awarded the "Dr and Mrs James Tak Wu Awards for Outstanding

Service (Academic Category)” at Lingnan University in 2002-03. Moreover he was appointed a Justice of Peace in 2001, and was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS) by the HKSAR Government in 2006.