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Professor Kwok-Fai So is from the State Key Laboratory of Brain and Cognitive Sciences at The University of Hong Kong. He is Co-Chairman of the Board of Director of the China Spinal Cord Injury Network and Director of Hong Kong Spinal Cord Fund. He is also a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. In 1995, he obtained the Natural Science Award of the National Natural Science Foundation of China. And in 2015, he was named a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors. Professor So received his PhD degree from MIT.

He is one of the pioneers in the field of axonal regeneration in visual system, and a leader in the area of neuroprotection and neuroregeneration of the mammalian optic nerve, spinal cord and brain. He was the first to show lengthy regeneration of retinal ganglion cells in adult mammals with peripheral nerve graft. He is currently using multiple approaches to promote axonal regeneration in the optic nerve and spinal cord. His team identifies neuroprotective and regenerative factors including: exercise, wolfberry, trophic factors, peptide nanofiber scaffold, and environmental manipulation.

He is the author and co-author of over 420 publications and co-inventors of 25 patents. Other than serving as Editor-in-Chief of *Neural Regeneration Research*, Professor So is also member of editorial board of 14 journals, including *Cell Transplantation*, *Restorative Neurology and Neuroscience*, *Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience* and *Chinese Journal of Neuroscience*.