

Profile of Professor C. F. Lee (李焯芬教授)

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Professor Lee graduated from HKU with a Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering in 1968, and a Master degree in 1970. His Ph.D., from the University of Western Ontario in 1972, is in the field of geotechnical engineering. He taught at the University of Western Ontario and the University of Toronto, before starting a long career with Ontario Hydro in Canada, where he worked on a variety of projects that included water resources management, hydropower and nuclear power. He joined HKU in 1994 as a professor of the Department of Civil Engineering. He served as a pro-vice-chancellor between 2000 and 2008.

He has published over 270 journal papers and 16 books, and has served as technical advisor to the World Bank, the United Nations Development Plan, the Asian Development Bank, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Canadian International Development Agency over the years. He has also participated in the feasibility and design reviews of numerous water resources management, hydropower, nuclear power, bridge and other major infrastructure projects in China. He was elected a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering and a Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Science in 2001, and an Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering in 2003.

For volunteer and community services, he has served as the President of the Fuhui Charitable Foundation since 2003, which has donated to some 360 schools and hospitals in the mountainous areas of Western China and provides scholarships and bursaries to about 2000 university and teacher training college students there annually. Prof. Lee is also the Chairman of the Board of the Hong Kong Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture; the Jao Tsung-I Academy Management Board; Director of the Jao Tsung-I Petite Ecole;; member of the Commission on Strategic Development; etc. He is very active in public service and has served on numerous government committees.

He was appointed a Justice-of-the Peace in 2003 and awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star and the Gold Bauhinia Star in 2005 and 2013 respectively. He was also a recipient of the K. Y. Lo Medal of the Engineering Institute of Canada in 2001; Fulbright

Distinguished Scholar in 2005; Gold Medal of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers in 2008; Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012; as well as honorary doctor of science degrees from the University of Western Ontario (2006), Plymouth University (2012), Edinburgh Napier University (2012) and the University of Macau (2014).