



Prizes and Awards

The HKIE Gold Medal 2009 - Ir Prof Lee Chack-fan

The HKIE Gold Medal 2009 has been presented at the 34th Annual Dinner of the Institution which was successfully held on 18 March 2009. Ir Prof Lee Chack-fan was the recipient of the HKIE Gold Medal Award this year. The selection criteria were precise and rigorous. The Panel of Judges considered all candidates' achievements as well as their contributions to the profession and to the community. The most distinguished person was selected for the Award in recognition for his /her commendable achievements.



Ir Prof Lee is an internationally renowned expert in Geotechnical Engineering. Upon his graduation from the University of Hong Kong with a Bachelor degree in 1968, and subsequently a Master's degree in 1970, Ir Prof Lee further pursued his study in the field of Geotechnical Engineering and received his PhD degree from the University of Western Ontario in Canada in 1972. He worked for Ontario Hydro in Canada for some 20 years before joining his alma mater in 1994. Since then, he has served the University of Hong Kong as the Chair Professor in Geotechnical Engineering, the Head of the Department of Civil Engineering and as the Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 2000 to 2008. He is currently the Director of the School of Professional and Continuing Education of the University of Hong Kong.

Academically, Ir Prof Lee is a distinguished scholar who has published more than 270 papers and books throughout the years. Serving as the technical advisor to various international organisations including the World Bank, Ir Prof Lee has been involved in the design reviews of over 60 projects on water resources management, hydropower and nuclear power stations in China and worldwide.

Apart from devoting his efforts to engineering practice, Ir Prof Lee has also been actively involved in voluntary and community services. He has been serving as the President of the Fu Hui Charity Foundation since 2003. He also serves on an array of Government and non-Government Boards and Committees. In addition, he is the Chairman of the Hong Kong Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture, the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee, the Veterinary Surgeons Board,

and the Council of the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust. He also serves as the Director of the Jao Tsung-I Petite Ecole and as a Member of the Board of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority.

Last but not least, Ir Prof Lee's eminent achievements in the engineering profession and service to the community have been highly recognised. He was awarded the K Y Lo Medal in 2000 by the Engineering Institute of Canada. In addition, he was elected as the Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering and the Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Science in 2001, as well as the Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering in 2004. Ir Prof Lee served as a Fulbright Distinguished Scholar in 2005, and he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science by the University of Western Ontario, Canada in 2007. He was appointed as a Justice of the Peace in 2003 and was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2005 by the Government of the HKSAR.

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