



THE COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS OF HONG KONG

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Tribute

In Loving Memory of Mr. Eric. PEAKE,
Hon FCDSHK (1997)

Mr. Eric Peake, a distinguished administrator and esteemed public servant in Hong Kong and elsewhere, passed away peacefully on November 17, 2024 in the United Kingdom., aged 91.

Eric Peake brought to the position of Comptroller of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital a wide array of administrative skills honed during his many years as a civil servant with the Hong Kong Government, serving, as was then the custom, in many departments and units. He had further developed great experience in interacting with various Government Departments through his involvement in the development of the Kowloon Park Mosque and Islamic Centre.

Mr. Peake proved himself to be a highly effective Comptroller. He was popular with the hospital's staff and was gentlemanly in his dealings with all, including the Faculty of Dentistry academics. He was most approachable and gave all issues raised careful but prompt consideration.

In 1986, the Working Party on Postgraduate Medical Examination and Training, under the chairmanship of Oncologist Dr. Keith Halnan or what is called 'the Halnan Report' recommended that Hong Kong take charge of postgraduate training, accreditation, and recognition of the status of medical specialists in Hong Kong. This resulted in preparatory work for the formation of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM) and the establishment of the Colleges that would become designated constituent colleges of the future Academy. From the outset, the College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong (CDSHK) was one such college. Eric Peake acted, in an entirely voluntary and honorary capacity, as Secretary to committees in the process of establishing the CDSHK, and he advised extensively on the processes required to comply with the Academy Ordinance, which was enacted in 1992, with the inaugural ceremony of the HKAM being held in December 1993. Eric Peake further worked with the CDSHK in enabling and facilitating the higher training of dentists within the Prince Philip Dental Hospital, a development of which he was an eager supporter. He also made valuable suggestions as to the way in which the CDSHK could be administered going forward.



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In recognition of Mr. Eric Peake's singular contributions to the establishment of the CDSHK, the College Council bestowed upon Eric an Honorary Fellowship. On the day of his conferral, his sons recall: "Dad telling us it was the proudest day of his entire working career." In his dedicated but humorous and self-effacing style, Eric Peake had indeed served the CDSHK with distinction.

The CDSHK pays tribute to Mr. Peake, honoring his remarkable dentistry contributions and enduring impact on dental training in Hong Kong. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones during this difficult time.

May Mr. Eric Peake's memory be a blessing and his legacy of excellence in administration be cherished forever.

Sincerely,
The College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong