

In Memoriam: Ir Prof KING Sing-yui

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers is with much regret to announce that Ir Prof King Sing-yui, a former Head of Electrical and Electronic Department of the University of Hong Kong (HKU), passed away in Vancouver on 21 February 2018.

Ir Prof King was born in Shanghai, mainland China on 25 September 1919. He was a pre-war HKU electrical engineering graduate of 1940. After the war, he joined the Engineering Faculty in 1948 as an Assistant Lecturer, teaching electrical engineering to civil engineering students since there was only a civil engineering programme then. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1955 and appointed Head of the Department 1955-57. When the Department of Electrical Engineering was re-established in 1960, he was promoted to Reader and appointed the first Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering. He became a Professor in 1966 and remained Head of the Department till he retired in 1980, apart from a three-year appointment as Pro-Vice-Chancellor between 1974-1977.

Apart from his academic involvement, Ir Pro King was the President of Engineering Society of Hong Kong, the predecessor of Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, in Session 1958/1959 and President of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers in 1976/77.

He was honoured with the Doctor of Science honoris causa in 1981 and the title of Emeritus Professor. After migrated to Canada, he served as a pastor of the Vancouver Chinese Alliance Church.

Apart from his marvellous achievements in academic field, Ir Prof King was appointed to chair the Hong Kong Metrication Committee and was instrumental in the adoption of metric system in everyday life by the Hong Kong Government as from 1976.

We are deeply grateful for Ir Prof King's dedication, passion, support and encouragement to the engineering community over the years and are sure that all members of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers will join us in offering condolences to his family.

The memorial service for Ir Prof King was held at Fraser Lands Church (3300 SE Marine Drive, Vancouver, British Columbia) at 10:00am on Saturday, 24 March 2018.