Biography professor Francis KA-Leung Chan:

Professor Francis Chan is Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics, Chief of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and Assistant Dean (General Affairs) at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and honorary consultant physician at the Prince of Wales Hospital. Professor Chan was an honours graduate of CUHK in 1988. An outstanding teacher, he was voted teacher of the year by his students for five years consecutively and received the Vice-Chancellor’s Exemplary Teaching Award in 2000 and 2007. In possession of an outstanding publication record, he is the youngest chair and professor of medicine in Hong Kong. An internationally renowned expert in the management of aspirin use and peptic ulcer bleeding, Professor Chan is the first physician outside the USA to be awarded the David Y. Graham Lecturer by the American College of Gastroenterology. He is also the first Asian gastroenterologist to be invited by the American College of Gastroenterology, the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology to develop practice guidelines on the management of patients on NSAIDs and aspirin. A prolific writer, he has authored more than 300 original research papers in well-regarded international journals. He became the first in academic history to have published 6 first-authored research papers in the New England Journal of Medicine and the Lancet. Professor Chan is the youngest Past President of the Hong Kong Society of Gastroenterology. He also serves as an associate editor of the American Journal of Gastroenterology, an editorial board member in top international journals and a panel member in a number of grant review agencies. In recognition of his outstanding contribution to advancing the knowledge in managing gastrointestinal bleeding, Professor Chan received the State Scientific and Technological Progress Award, People Republic of China in 2007. In 2009, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region recommended him for the Bronze Bauhinia Award for his outstanding achievements in health care research, particularly his contribution in raising the profile of Hong Kong as a world-class research centre in improving health care.