

## **Professor Yuk-Shan Wong, BBS, JP**

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### *Biography*

Professor Yuk-Shan Wong is currently the President of the Open University of Hong Kong. He obtained his PhD in Plant Biochemistry from McGill University of Canada in 1979. Since the 1980s, Professor Wong has performed teaching, research and administration work at various universities, namely the Polytechnic University, Chinese University of Hong Kong, City University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He has published 8 books and over 160 international journal papers in the areas of environmental biotechnology, plant biochemistry and mangrove conservation. Professor Wong is currently a Fellow of the Society of Biology in the UK and a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institution of Science.

Professor Wong is a Deputy to the National People's Congress of China and a member of the Committee of the Hong Kong Basic Law, the PRC. Professor Wong is also the Chairman of the Consumer Council, a member of the Hong Kong Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee. Professor Wong served as the Chairman of the Education Bureau's Vetting Committee for the Allocation of Sites and Start-up Loan for Post-secondary Education Providers, the President of the Society of Hong Kong Scholars, Chairman of the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong, Deputy Chairman of the Advisory Council for the Environment, Chairman of Wetland Advisory Committee and member of the Executive Board of the Hong Kong Institution of Science. From 2001 to 2007, Professor Wong had been actively involved in education reform and he was the Chairman of the Curriculum Development Council, a member of the University Grants Committee, a member of Education Commission and a member of the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications.

Professor Wong has been appointed Justice of Peace in 2001 and received a Bronze Bauhinia Star medal in 2004.