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Dr Chan was graduated from the University of Hong Kong. He received his basic training in paediatrics in Hong Kong and furthered his subspecialty training in child neurology and developmental paediatrics at Guy's Hospital, London. Over the years, he has developed special interests in child advocacy, child protection, ethics, childhood epilepsy, behavioural neurology (Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity, Autistic Spectrum Disorders) and others. His dedicated work on developmental dyslexia for children using the Chinese language has rendered him world authority on the subject. He has published in both English and Chinese languages, covering research on developmental screening, assessment, early intervention, child health status and growth, and has edited many popular guide books on child health and child care. Academically, he has been awarded with Fellowships from the Royal Colleges of Physicians of London, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Ireland, Fellowship from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (UK) as well as Fellowship from the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine in Paediatrics.

He is currently Immediate-Past President of the International Pediatric Association (IPA), a professional body comprising of 147 national, 7 regional and 14 paediatric subspecialty societies as well as one committee for the paediatric chairs. IPA in total represents more than one million paediatricians from all over the world with one unified powerful voice for the promotion of child health. He is also WHO Advisor on Child and Adolescent Health and Development. Working closely with WHO, UNICEF, FIGO and the World Bank, Dr. Chan is heavily involved in the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) strategies and the Child Survival initiatives. He is one of the signatories for the Global Partnership for Maternal and Child Survival at Delhi in 2005 to enhance the early attainment of MDG4 and MDG5. He presented strong statements at the World Health Assembly every year on child health issues with significant impact at the international arena. He is instrumental to the IPA Programmes on "Child Health in Humanitarian Emergencies", "Children's Environmental Health", "Adolescent Health", "Immunization and Vaccination", "Better Medicine for Children", "Early Childhood Development" and others. He is a strong advocate for the IPA motto "*Child Survival, Child Health and Child Development*" and "*Health Children for a Healthy World!*"



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Locally Dr. Chan is President of the Hong Kong Society of Child Neurology and Developmental Paediatrics, Chairman of the Hong Kong Paediatric Foundation, Chairman of the Child Advocacy Committee of the Hong Kong Paediatric Society and Chairman of the Joint Committee on Child Health by the Hong Kong Paediatric Society, the Department of Health of the Hong Kong Government and the Hospital Authority of Hong Kong. He is the key figure on many of the Hong Kong SAR Government policy working groups such as the Committee for Comprehensive Childhood Developmental Surveillance (CCDS) and the Committee on Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics (CEP). He serves as Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the *Chinese Journal of Pediatrics* (official publication of the Chinese Pediatric Society of Chinese Medical Association), Editor-in-Chief of *Brainchild* (official publication of the Hong Kong Society of Child Neurology and Developmental Paediatrics), as well as editor and expert reviewers of significant number of international journals on child health, paediatrics and rehabilitation medicine.

He was awarded *Honorary Life Membership* by the Hong Kong Paediatric Society in 1989, the *8th ACP Medal for Development of Pediatrics in APSSEAR Country* at the 8th Asian Congress of Pediatrics in New Delhi, India in March 1994, *Outstanding Paediatrician for Asia* in 2000 at the time of the 10th Asian Congress of Pediatrics in Taipei by the Association of Pediatric Societies for the Southeast Asian Region (APSSEAR), and *Honorary President of the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA)* in 2007 at Colombo, Sri Lanka at the 12th Asian Congress of Pediatrics in recognition of his contribution to the advancement of knowledge in paediatrics and to the betterment of child health in Hong Kong and the Asia Pacific Region. He also received *Outstanding Achievement Awards* from the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong (2003) and from the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (2007) for his great leadership, pioneering work, innovative concepts, and measurable achievements in democratization, modernization and structurization of the present day medical profession in Hong Kong.