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Professor Paul Tam Kwong-hang is a surgeon, scientist, educator and university leader. He has been Chair of Paediatric Surgery at The University of Hong Kong since 1996 and Li Shu-Pui Professor in Surgery since 2013. He was the Vice-President for Research (2003-2015), the Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (2015-2019) and the Acting President and Vice-Chancellor (February to July 2018) of the University of Hong Kong.

Prof Tam graduated from The University of Hong Kong in 1976, and worked in the Department of Surgery until 1986. He was Senior Lecturer at the University of Liverpool in 1986-90, and Reader and Director of Paediatric Surgery at the University of Oxford in 1990-96. Prof Tam has special interests in minimal invasive surgery, genetics and regenerative medicine of birth defects such as Hirschsprung's disease. He has published over 427 articles in internationally refereed journals with 21267 citations and h-index = 48 is ranked amongst the top 1% of most-cited scientists (ESI) and has been awarded grants totaling > US\$20m.

Professor Tam serves on many international professional associations and was President of the Pacific Association of Paediatric Surgeons (2008-2009). He also serves on editorial boards of several international journals including the *Journal of Pediatric Surgery* as the Editor for Asia. He was appointed the Lancet's Series Lead for the Surgical Series of two articles and one comment on Paediatric Surgery published on 9 September 2017. He has given invited lectures at BAPS, EUPSA, AAPS and Days of Molecular Medicine 2012, etc.

Professor Tam has received numerous awards including the BAPS Prize, Lifetime Achievement Award (AAPS) and Honorary Fellowship of the American Surgical Association. He was awarded the 2017 Denis Browne Gold Medal, the highest award of the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons. In February 2019, he has been named the recipient of the Rehbein Medal for 2020 by the European Paediatric Surgeons' Association (EUPSA) in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the advancement of paediatric surgery. He is the first surgeon in Asia to be presented with this prestigious award and he will receive the award at EUPSA's Congress held in June 2020 in Vienna, Austria.

For community service, Professor Tam had served as member of the Research Grants Council, the Board of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, and the Research Council of Food and Health Bureau of HKSAR Government.