

Brief Introduction of Professor Cheng Yin Cheong and Professor Kerry Kennedy

Professor Cheng Yin Cheong Emeritus Professor (Education)

Professor Cheng joined HKIEd in 1996 as Director of the Centre for Research and Development and Professor. He was appointed as Chair Professor of Leadership and Change in 2008. During his long tenure at HKIEd / EdUHK, he has served as Vice President (Research and Development) (2008 to 2012; 2013 to 2014) and Acting President (2012 to 2013). He was re-engaged as Research Chair Professor for 3 years upon reaching the retirement age in 2014. At present he is Advisor (Academic Development) of Department of Education Policy and Leadership.

He served as President of the World Educational Research Association from 2012 to 2014 and of the Asia-Pacific Educational Research Association (APERA) from 2004 to 2008. He has served as a member of the University Grants Committee, a panel member of Research Grants Council, and a member of the Quality Education Fund Steering Committee of the Hong Kong SAR Government. Currently, he is the Chairman of the Tin Ka Ping Foundation's Advisory Council.

Professor Cheng's research interests include education reform, leadership development, paradigm shifts, teacher education, higher education, and school management. Professor Cheng has published extensively and internationally with 24 academic books and over 250 book chapters and journal articles. He won a number of international awards and Awards for Excellence from the Literati Network in UK from 1995 to 2017. In 2008, he became a Fellow of the APERA in recognition of his contribution to educational research in the region.

Professor Kerry Kennedy Emeritus Professor (Education)

Professor Kennedy joined HKIEd in 2001 as Principal Lecturer and conferred the title of Professor. He has served as the Head of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction from 2002 to 2005 and was appointed as Dean of the former Faculty of Professional and Early Childhood Education from 2006 to 2008. He was appointed as Chair Professor of Curriculum Studies in 2008 and continued to serve as the Dean of the Faculty (currently named as the Faculty of Education and Human Development) until 2013. He took on the role of Associate Vice President (Academic / Quality Assurance) from 2008 to 2013 in which he oversaw many important initiatives/exercises, drove the development of new policies and initiated several benchmarking projects and took the initial responsibility for the implementation of the University Grants Committee initiative on outcomes-based learning. In 2012, Professor Kennedy became Director of the Centre for Governance and Citizenship, a university level centre. He was re-engaged as Research Chair Professor for 3 years upon reaching retirement age in 2013 and is currently Advisor (Academic Development) of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Professor Kennedy's academic contributions have been largely in the field of civic and citizenship education, focusing on understanding Asian conceptions of citizenship and their implications for the school curriculum. He has won 4 General Research Fund grants, 5 Public Policy Research grants and a Quality Education Fund grant. His work was recognized in 2012 when he won the Richard Wolf Memorial Award for Educational Research awarded by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement.