

## **Professor John Lee Chi-kin's Biography**

Professor John Lee Chi-kin, currently Vice President (Academic) and Provost and Chair Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, joined the University (the then Hong Kong Institute of Education) in 2010. He was Dean of Education and Professor of Department of Curriculum and Instruction at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). Professor Lee was also the Director of the Centre for University and School Partnership and had served as a Fellow of United College and Morningside College at CUHK. He had worked as a secondary school teacher and a Lecturer at the Sir Robert Black College of Education.

Professor Lee graduated from The University of Hong Kong and received his MSc degree from the University of Oxford, M.A. (Ed.) and PhD degrees as well as a Diploma in Education (with distinctions) from CUHK. His research interests focus on curriculum and instruction, geographical and environmental education, life and values education as well as teacher development and school improvement. He is active in leading and securing education research and development projects and has a solid track record in securing external grants. One of his projects (together with Prof Jim Chi-yung, Dr Alice Chow Sin-yin and team), "Tree Assessment for Life Education (TALE) Project", has won a Silver Medal in the first-ever virtual edition of Geneva's Inventions Expo held in March 2021 and won a Gold Medal and Special Award in the International Invention Innovation Competition in Canada (iCAN) in August 2021. He is the recipient of the President's Award of Outstanding Performance in Knowledge Transfer (Team Award) in 2016/17 and 2021/2022. He was a Fellow of the Hong Kong Primary Educational Research Association. He has served as the Editor of *International Journal of Children's Spirituality*, Regional Editor (Asia Pacific) of *Educational Research and Evaluation* and Executive Editor of *Teachers and Teaching* and *Teaching and Teacher Education* as well as editorial board members or advisory editors of many local, regional and international journals. He is also a prolific writer who has edited and written more than 25 books, and published over 100 journal articles and book chapters. He is also a co-editor of *Routledge Series on Life and Values Education* (with Kerry Kennedy), *Routledge Series on Chinese Language Education* (with Tong Ho-kin, Liu Lening, Yuan Boping and Liang Yuan) and *Education for Sustainability* (with Rupert Maclean and Peter Corcoran, Springer).

Professor Lee has actively participated in education and social service in Hong Kong, mainland China and overseas. He had served as a council member of the Advisory Committee on Teacher Education and Qualifications (ACTEQ) and the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) and Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic & Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) as well as a member of Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations, Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Task Force on Professional Development of Teachers,

Education Bureau, a co-opted member of the Hospital Governing Committee of Queen Mary Hospital & Tsan Yuk Hospital and etc. He served as the UNESCO consultant of an environmental education project in China, an executive governing board member of International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement and etc. Professor Lee was involved in a research project on small class teaching in early childhood and primary education supported by Education and Youth Affairs Bureau, Macau. He had led a team of colleagues, appointed by the World Bank, to serve as the Consultant for the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training's Enhancing Teacher Education Program in 2017-2018. He has also held many visiting / guest / adjunct professorships at universities overseas and in mainland China. He has served as the Changjiang Chair Professor conferred by the Ministry of Education, the People's Republic of China.

He has served as Honorary Advisor (Education) of Sik Sik Yuen, Hong Kong Kindergarten Association and Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers, Advisor of Character Education Foundation (CEF), Advisor of Hong Kong Association of Deputy Principals, Advisor of Board of Directors of Yan Oi Tong Choi Wong Ling Ling Education Fund, Academic Advisor of Association of Inspectors, Education Bureau (AIEDB), and member of Education Committee of Caritas-Hong Kong and etc. He is also a Member of the Academic Committee, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Primary and Secondary Schools Principal Federation and Chairman of Academic Committee of Center for Hong Kong and Macao Research, South China Normal University. In addition, he has been appointed by the Hong Kong SAR Government as the Justice of the Peace (JP).

Professor Lee is also the UNESCO Chair in Regional Education Development and Lifelong Learning, The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Research Fellow, Director of the Centre for Religious and Spirituality Education, Co-Director (Research) of the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching and Co-Director of the Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development at EdUHK.