It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Professor Por Tying Hung, a great leader of ophthalmology in Taiwan, who made a significant impact on eye care in the Asia-Pacific region.

For his immense contributions towards eye care, teaching, and research, particularly in the field of glaucoma, Prof. Hung was recognized with the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO) Distinguished Service Award in 1987. Prof. Hung was also Congress President of the APAO 2001 Congress in Taiwan.

Together with Prof. Yoshiaki Kitazawa and Prof. Arthur Lim, Prof. Hung founded the Asia-Oceanic Glaucoma Society. This organization later combined with the South East Asia Glaucoma Interest Group and the Asian Angle Closure Glaucoma Club to form the Asia-Pacific Glaucoma Society, one of APAO’s first subspecialty member societies.

Prof. Hung graduated from the Medical College of Taiwan University in 1959. Over a period of 35 years at National Taiwan University Hospital and Taiwan University, he was a resident, full-time attending, instructor, Associate Professor, Professor, and then Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology (1977–1983), and Deputy Director of the hospital (1983–1992). He spent time at Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins University (1967–1968), and was a National Institutes of Health Fogarty Fellow at New York Medical College (1974–1976). He was a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology.

Beginning in 1975, Prof. Hung served the Ophthalmological Society of Taiwan in various roles, including President, Secretary General, Trustee, and Executive Member of the Board of Trustees. He founded the Taiwan Agency for Prevention of Blindness and Taiwan Medical Society for Refraction and Optometry, respectively, both in 2002. His academic interests were broad, but mainly focused on glaucoma and related fields, with more than 300 publications.

Prof. Hung was a member of the Glaucoma Society of the International Congress of Ophthalmology, and an editorial board member of the Journal of Ocular Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Journal of Glaucoma, and International Glaucoma Review. He was Chief Editor of the Asian Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology, and President of the Civil Medical Publisher of Taiwan University Hospital. In 2011, he joined the editorial board of Glaucoma Management.

Prof. Hung passed away peacefully at the age of 84.
Professor Por Tying Hung

At the 18th Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress in Chinese Taipei in 2001

Messages in Honor and Remembrance of Professor Por Tying Hung

We are in deep sorrow for the passing of our dear leader, Prof Por-Tying Hung on May 15, 2018. He has been leading us from the 1970s and his endeavor and contributions were recognized with the APAO Distinguished Service Award in 1987. He was also a great teacher in the field of glaucoma. He had led us into a new era of glaucoma management in 1970s, after he spent time in Wilmer Eye Institute and National Institutes of Health. In 2001, Prof. Hung has been the Congress President, and successfully hosted the APAO 2001 Congress in Taiwan. He was the leader, teacher, and mentor for many many ophthalmologists in Taiwan and also of Asian regions.

While saddened deeply by the loss of Prof Hung, we would like to express our gratitude to Prof Hung for his invaluable devotion to APAO and The Ophthalmological Society of Taiwan (TOS). His prestigious image and impartial contribution to this society will always be a precious memory to all of us.

We would like to extend our sincere regards to Professor Hung's family and relatives from deep of our heart.

An-Guor WANG
APAO Regional Secretary, Ophthalmological Society of Chinese Taipei

Professor Hung made many great contributions over a long a productive life. He has left a lasting legacy of which he would be justifiably proud.

Hugh R TAYLOR
APAO Councilors-at-Large
Thai ophthalmologists express our deepest condolences to Prof. Por Tying Hung’s family, friends, and colleagues for his passing.

Asia-Pacific communities of ophthalmologists have lost another giant. His legacy will be with Taiwanese ophthalmologists and the rest of Asia-Pacific ophthalmologists and glaucoma specialists. May his soul rest in peace.

My gratitude to you for sharing this news with us.

Paisan RUAMVIBOONSUK
APAO 2019 Congress President

This is indeed a great loss to Asia-Pacific Ophthalmology. My deepest condolences to his family.

Gullapalli N RAO
APAO Councilors-at-Large

On behalf of Lao Ophthalmological Society (LOS), I would like to express our deepest condolence to Prof. Por Tying Hung’s family and friends for his passing. His contribution to ophthalmology in Asia Pacific region was enormous.

May his soul rest in peace.

Khamphoua SOUTHISOMBATH
APAO Regional Secretary, Lao Ophthalmological Society

On behalf of Japanese Ophthalmological Society, I would like to express our deepest condolence to Prof. Por Tying Hung’s family, friends and colleagues for his passing. His contribution to Asia-Pacific Ophthalmologists was enormous.

Tomohiro IIDA
APAO Regional Secretary, Japanese Ophthalmological Society

Professor Hung had made many terrific contributions to ophthalmic developments especially in the field of glaucoma in Taiwan, AP region and beyond. He has our great respect and his spirit will always be with us.

Dennis LAM
APAO Past President

My condolences at the passing of a person who contributed so much to the cause of Ophthalmology. May his soul rest in peace

Ashok GROVER
APAO Councilors-at-Large
On behalf of Chinese Ophthalmologists, I would like to express our deepest condolence to his family. This is indeed a great loss.

Yizhi LIU
APAO Public Education Committee Chair

On behalf of RANZCO we would like to pass on our condolences to Professor Hung’s family and the Chinese Taipei Ophthalmic community.

The passing of a senior ophthalmic leader is always sad, but we are able to remember his legacy in his influence on the next generation of Taiwanese and Asia-Pacific ophthalmologists

David MACKEY (Regional Secretary Australia and New Zealand)
Mark DANIELL (President RANZCO)
Heather MACK (President-elect RANZCO)

We lost a leader and a Visionary.
We pray for the departed soul and extend heartfelt condolence to the immediate family

Taraprasad DAS
APAO Subspecialty Society Representatives, Asia-Pacific Vitreo- Retina Society

Very sorry to know that. May his soul rest in peace always

Nadeem BUTT
APAO Fellowship Committee Chair

Please received and passing our deepest condolence to the passing of Prof Hung to his family. He is a great man who passionate for the development of our profession who passing the Taiwan border.

Tjahjon GONDHOWIARDJO
APAO Councilors-at-Large

On behalf of Ophthalmological Society of Bangladesh, I would like to express our deepest condolence to the family of Professor Hung and praying to the Almighty to bless his departed soul in peace.

Ava HOSSAIN
APAO Vice President
On behalf of Indonesian Ophthalmologists Association, I would like to send our deepest condolence to family of Professor Hung and his colleagues.

Muhammad SIDIK  
President, Indonesian Ophthalmologists Association

I met Prof Hung first time 22 years ago, he was teaching the young doctors. I believe he did a lot for Eye doctor education and APAO. He will be leaving in our heart.

Xiaoxin Li  
APAO Practice Guidelines Committee Chair

It was sad to know such sad announce. I am very saddened.

I would like to deliver my deepest condolences to his family and colleagues on behalf of Mongolian ophthalmologist by this mail.

Tuvaan BULGAN  
APAO Regional Secretary, Mongolian ophthalmologists’ Society

On behalf of Iranian Society of Ophthalmological Society, I would like to express my deepest condolence to the family of Professor Hung and all colleagues.

Siamak ZAREI-GHANAVATI  
APAO Regional Secretary, Iranian Society of Ophthalmological Society

On behalf of Nepal Ophthalmic Society, I would like to express my heartfelt condolence to the family of Professor Hung. It is a great loss for Ophthalmic fraternity. May his departed soul rest in peace.

Sanjay SINGH  
APAO Regional Secretary, Nepal Ophthalmic Society