

CE expresses sorrow over passing of Professor Louis Cha

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (October 30) expressed deep sorrow over the passing of renowned writer and veteran newsman Professor Louis Cha.

"A learned man and an acclaimed writer of martial arts novels, Professor Cha's works inherited the tradition of Chinese classics with the integration of history and culture, and are very popular among Chinese in various parts of the world. His works had been widely adapted into television serials and films, contributing significantly to the promotion of Chinese culture.

"Professor Cha is also highly regarded in the newspaper industry with decades of experience in it. He founded Ming Pao in his early years and also wrote editorials with constructive comments for society, earning the respect of the sector.

"Professor Cha served in various public duties, including member of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Basic Law Drafting Committee, the Hong Kong convenor of the sub-group on the political system and member of the Executive Committee of the Basic Law Consultative Committee. Professor Cha was awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal in 2000 for his outstanding achievements in Chinese literature and journalism and contributions in public service.

I was grieved to learn of Professor Cha's passing. On behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to his family," Mrs Lam said.