

SED saddened by passing of Professor Charles Kao

The Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, today (September 23) expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Professor Charles Kao and extended his deepest condolences to Professor Kao's family.

"A Nobel Laureate in Physics, Professor Kao was acclaimed as the 'father of fibre optic communications'. He participated in the founding of the Department of Electronics at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) in the early years, and was soon appointed the Head of department and the Chair in Electronics. He also became the Vice-Chancellor of CUHK from 1987 to 1996. Professor Kao devoted himself to the pursuit of scientific research breakthroughs. In addition to being highly respected in the higher education sector, he also made significant contributions to the development of science and technology in the whole world," Mr Yeung said.

He believed that the education sector would never forget Professor Kao's significant contributions to technological research and higher education development.