

HKIA Awards

Lifetime Distinguished Service to HKIA

Dr. Fanny KO

Dr. Ko has served in the Council of the Hong Kong Institute of Allergy since 2005. She was the Vice President from 2009-2016 and has continued to support the Institute as Advisor from 2016 to now.

Dr. Ko graduated from The Chinese University of Hong Kong with Distinction in Medicine. After completing training in Respiratory Medicine in Hong Kong, Fanny was granted the prestigious Croucher Foundation Scholarship and Hong Kong Lung Foundation Fellowship which supported her research training at the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research in University of Sydney, Australia in 2000-2001. Upon return to Prince of Wales Hospital, Dr. Ko continued her research in various aspects of airways diseases including epidemiology (prevalence of asthma and COPD in Hong Kong, air pollution and exacerbation of airway diseases, infection and airway diseases), pathophysiology (use of exhaled nitric oxide and exhaled breath condensate for assessment of airway inflammation), assessment (lung function and exhaled nitric oxide references in Hong Kong), and disease management (rehabilitation and comprehensive programs for COPD). She obtained her Doctor of Medicine degree in 2007 based on her research work on COPD. Dr. Ko won the Star of Shaw Award (outstanding alumni of Shaw College of the Chinese University of Hong Kong) in 2019. She has published over 160 scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals and 9 book chapters.

Dr. Fanny Ko is currently Consultant and Deputy Chief of Service, Department of Medicine and Therapeutics, Prince of Wales Hospital. She is also Honorary Clinical Associate Professor of the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics, Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. In 2016, she was invited to join the Scientific Committee of The Global Initiative for Asthma [GINA]. GINA strives to increase awareness of asthma among health professionals, health authorities and the general public. Each year, GINA publishes strategic document on the management of asthma which is being used all over the world in asthma care. She serves in multiple professional bodies to provide education of knowledge of airway diseases to health care professionals and the public. Her work on the service model for the care patients with COPD has brought improvement to the wellbeing of COPD patients.

Dr. Fanny Ko is an excellent researcher, caring physician, brilliant teacher, and efficient administrator. Over the past 16 years, Fanny has supported, contributed, and helped build the Hong Kong Institute of Allergy to become a robust professional body in the region. She is indeed worthy of the award of Lifetime Distinguished Service to the Hong Kong Institute of Allergy.