

A MEMORIAL FOR
PROFESSOR SIR DAVID TODD
1928–2017

Monday, October 2, 2017, 3:00 pm

Loke Yew Hall, HKU

A large, stylized, handwritten signature in white ink on a black background. The signature reads "David Todd" in a cursive, flowing script. The "D" is very large and loops around the "a". The "T" is tall and has a long horizontal stroke extending to the right. The "o" is small and sits between the "T" and the "d". The "d" is also tall and has a long horizontal stroke extending to the right, mirroring the "T".



at Morrison Hall
1948-1952

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS



PROFESSOR SIR DAVID TODD, CBE

MBBS HK; MD HK; FRCP(Edin, Lond, Glasg);
FRACP; FRCPath; FHKAM(Hon);
FHKCP(Hon); FAMS(Hon); HonDSc CUHK;
HonDSc HK; HonLLD Lingnan

November 17, 1928 – August 16, 2017



- Musical Prelude by Diocesan Boys' School Orchestra
Be Still My Soul, from *Finlandia*, J Sibelius

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- Eulogy by Professor Rosie Young

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- Bible reading
John 14:1-7

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- Choral Interlude by Diocesan Choral Society
& Diocesan Boys' School Orchestra
In Paradisum, from *Requiem*, G Faure

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- Hymn – Amazing Grace

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- Tributes by:

1 Professor Chan Tai Kwong

2 Professor Richard Yu

Piano by Dulcia Chang, MBBS Year 6

Étude Op. 10, No. 3 in E, “Tristesse”, F Chopin

3 Dr Betty Young

4 Professor Raymond Liang

Musical Meditation by
Diocesan Boys' School Senior Boys' Choir
Danny Boy arr. Michael Cox

5 Professor Eric Tse

6 Dr Clarence Nicholas Kotewall

Cello by Ken Tsang, MBBS Year 5 &
Piano by Dulcia Chang, MBBS Year 6
Après un Rêve, G Faure

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- Hymn – Abide With Me

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- Vote of Thanks

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- Musical Postlude by Diocesan Boys' School Orchestra
Méditation from *Thaïs*, J Massenet

EULOGY

Professor David Todd joined the Faculty of Medicine of The University of Hong Kong as a second year student in 1947.

I had the good fortune of getting to know him 3 years later when I joined the clinical years. He was a year senior to me but already well known among the medical students, because he secured all the prizes available at each examination. Needless to say, he graduated with flying colours in 1952.

Professor AJS McFadzean, the first Professor of Medicine after the Second World War had the wisdom and foresight to recognise David's remarkable potential as a leader in the medical profession, a dedicated teacher, and a promising researcher. His assessment of David was based not only on his intelligence and application but also on his personality, integrity, and loyalty. Not surprisingly, in due course David also became his successor.

Over the next two decades, this 'McFadzean and Todd' dream team brought about remarkable developments in the Department of Medicine. They launched training programmes for physicians in different medical specialties and initiated a number of groundbreaking research projects. In turn, these also benefitted other Hong Kong hospitals and raised standards throughout the entire healthcare system.

In 1974 David took over the helm as Head of the Department of Medicine, and under his leadership it progressed from strength to strength. However, David's aspirations went beyond his own department and even beyond Hong Kong itself. He was largely instrumental in getting postgraduate medical education recognised by the Government as an essential component of specialist training, and in 1992 he became the Founding President of the Academy of Medicine.

As a member of the University Grants Committee his perseverance and persuasive lobbying succeeded in convincing the Government to increase research funding to the Universities and in the late 80s he became the Founding Chairman of The Research Grants Council.

His many achievements won him numerous accolades both locally and internationally. He was honoured with a knighthood in 1995.

In 1997 he retired to Cambridge and we all thought that there he would enjoy a well-deserved rest in a tranquil and scenic environment where he would indulge in his second love music, medicine being his first passion. The cultural environment in Cambridge and its proximity to London must have been the main reason why he chose that location. It was true that he spent

some of the happiest years of his life there. Yet his heart was in Hong Kong and he came back in 2008.

While in Cambridge, he attended many clinical meetings at the Addenbroke's Hospital, met colleagues in the medical school, and read widely in the Libraries. There he put his thoughts on paper and the lengthy article 'Present and Past Tense' he wrote on the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of the Academy of Medicine should be a blueprint for the development of the Academy in the next decade and beyond.

Professor David Todd stands out as the doyen of medicine in Hong Kong. Perhaps more than anyone else to-date his vision and tireless efforts in teaching and research as well as his clinical acumen have inspired generations of doctors and shaped the practice of medicine in Hong Kong, which is now widely acclaimed as being world class. Despite all his achievements he remained a modest person, though others saw him as one of the best teachers in the Medical Faculty, a trusted friend of his students, and a physician who was always dedicated to the service of patients.

His legacy to Hong Kong is unique and enduring, and will go well beyond the limits of this tiny island.

Professor Rosie Young

Emeritus Professor, HKU



JOHN: CHAPTER 14 V 1-7 (New International Version)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me.

My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”



LYRICS

In Paradisum

in Latin

In Paradisum deducant Angeli
in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem
Chorus Angelorum te suscipiat
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
aeternam habeas requiem

in English

Into paradise may angels draw them,
on your arrival, may the martyrs receive you
and lead you into the holy city Jerusalem.
May the chorus of angels receive you,
and with Lazarus, once a beggar,
may you have eternal rest.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

Yea when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

Danny Boy

Oh Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling
From glen to glen, and down the mountain side
The summer's gone, and all the flowers are dying
'Tis you, 'tis you must go and I must bide.

But come ye back when summer's in the meadow
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow
'Tis I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow
Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so.

And if you come, when all the flowers are dying
And I am dead, as dead I well may be
You'll come and find the place where I am lying
And kneel and say an "Ave" there for me.

And I shall hear, tho' soft you tread above me
And all my dreams will warm and sweeter be
If you'll not fail to tell me that you love me
I'll simply sleep in peace until you come to me.

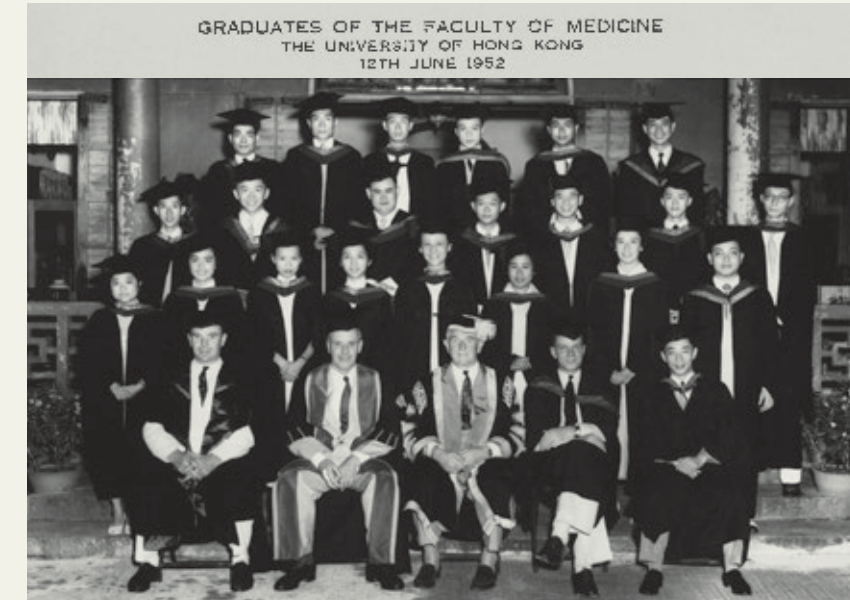
I'll simply sleep in peace until you come to me.

Abide with Me

Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless O abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting where grave thy victory
I triumph still if Thou abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks
And earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death O Lord abide with me





MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE FROM CO-ORGANISERS

- The University of Hong Kong
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Department of Medicine
HKU Medical Alumni Association
Morrison Hall
HKU Foundation
- Hong Kong Academy of Medicine
- Hong Kong College of Physicians
- Diocesan Boys' School

FACULTY OF MEDICINE, HKU

SIR DAVID TODD: A LASTING LEGACY

The Faculty of Medicine has been forever enriched by Sir David Todd, who over 70 years was a leader in the Faculty and the Hong Kong medical community. Sir David embodied every quality of good doctoring that the Faculty seeks to imbue in its students. Our motto “Wisdom; Compassion; Commitment” very much aligns with his teachings and his belief that medicine is an art as well as a science; it cannot be practiced on the basis of knowledge alone.

Sir David came to HKU as a second-year student in 1947 from the chaos of Canton, and he thrived here. He approached his studies and the uncomfortable and overcrowded hospital conditions of the time with clear-headed rationality, and he embraced the camaraderie that arose in such conditions. He recounted that the happiest day of his life was when his final results were announced – and these were all excellent. His obvious talent led to an invitation by his mentor, Professor AJS McFadzean, to join the Faculty in 1953.

Sir David proved to be a gentle contrast to the fierce but inspiring teachers of that time, such as McFadzean and GB Ong. His calm but authoritative manner earned him deep respect among students and staff, and he rose through the ranks to succeed Professor McFadzean as Head of Medicine in 1974. During his 15-year tenure as Head, he encouraged the development of sub-specialties and advanced internationalisation, among many other things. He also supported research at the cutting edge and was among the first in the Faculty to embrace molecular biology and genetics.

Sir David also had a keen appreciation of the impact of the Faculty and its graduates beyond the University walls. He placed great importance on professionalism and was a founder of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. He also understood that Hong Kong’s health could not be improved by medicine alone, but by improving all aspects of people’s lives. He was a wise and humble servant to the power and limitations of medicine, and the Faculty and Hong Kong are all the better for his legacy.

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, HKU

Prof David Todd has been, and will always be, a very special member of the Department of Medicine at The University of Hong Kong, where he spent over five decades of his life.

In 1953, on completing his “house physician” year, the young Dr Todd joined the University Department of Medicine, fondly abbreviated as UMU (University Medical Unit). He spent long days and nights as a doctor at Queen Mary Hospital, pursued training and research in haematology and taught medical students, embarking upon what subsequently transpired to be a career with enormous impact on the development of biomedical research and clinical training in Hong Kong. He also made seminal observations in clinical and experimental haematology, firmly establishing it as a leading discipline regionally and internationally.

In 1974, Prof Todd took over the baton, succeeding his mentor Prof AJS McFadzean, as Head of Department of Medicine. Under his leadership, the Department experienced consolidation of internal medicine and the introduction of new subspecialties, such as clinical pharmacology, neurology, molecular medicine which became an integral part of medical research and service, and general practice which was the fore-runner of the discipline of family medicine and primary care. Pre-existing subspecialties flourished and led in their respective areas of strength.

In the 1970s, Prof Todd set up the McFadzean Library within the Department, and vigilantly updated its collection of books and journals to engage senior and junior staff alike in continuing self-education. This modest departmental establishment denoted his commitment to life-long professional learning. His far-sighted instrumental contribution toward the building up of the post-graduate training infrastructure of specialty Colleges has put Hong Kong on par with countries that excel in the training of medical professionals.

Amidst these high profile commitments, Prof Sir David Todd never lost sight of his priorities as a clinician and an academic, and was always enthusiastic in teaching and providing clinical services to the public. After his official retirement in 1989, Prof Todd continued to serve the medical profession in his usual unassuming manner, and in 1992, he became Founding President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. He remained an active teacher in the Department until he went to reside in Cambridge, taking much pleasure in its academic atmosphere. To our delight, he decided to return to Hong Kong in 2008. Other than the many activities with family, friends, and former students, he still enjoyed attending lectures from distinguished speakers at the Faculty just up along Sassoon Road in Pokfulam.

Words fall short of expressing our sadness for the loss of a great mentor and the gratitude of those who had the opportunity to work with him. He has left us an invaluable legacy of humanism, professionalism, integrity and knowledge. The Department of Medicine will honour this memory through our dedication to continue the work he loved so much.

From Mary Ip, Head of Medicine and
All members of the Department of Medicine
The University of Hong Kong

HKU MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dear Professor Sir David,

We were most fortunate to have you as our teacher, our role model - a clinician-scientist, a dedicated scholar who has promoted life-long learning; a genuine gentleman and a well respected friend and mentor. You always gave us advice, care and encouragement which did not only guide us to be a better physician, but a better person.

You have devoted your whole life for medical education and advancement of medicine in Hong Kong, in the region and world-wide for the past decades. While we mourn over your passing and the great loss to the medical profession, we are sure your legacy and your positive impact on the medical profession will pass on from generation to generation. The invaluable life lesson you have taught us will be well remembered by everyone across vintage. Your vision, dedication, compassion and spirit will live on forever.

May you rest in peace, our most beloved and respected teacher forever! We will continue to live out your good spirit!

Dr Barbara C C Lam, JP
President, HKU Medical Alumni Association

MORRISON HALL

“MY HAPPIEST UNIVERSITY DAYS WERE SPENT AS A MORRISONIAN.”

It was with deep sorrow that all Morrisonians embraced the news of the passing of Professor Sir David Todd, a highly respected Senior Morrisonian.

Between 1948 and 1952, Professor Todd resided at Morrison Hall as a medical undergraduate. His dedication, vision and tenacity towards his fellow Morrisonians laid a strong foundation for Morrison Hall to grow and excel. As Chairman of the Hall Club in 1949-50, he led Morrison Hall to champion vigorously its sporting prowess at inter-hostel sports competitions. Morrison Hall has since been known for sportsmanship and solidarity within the University, and both remain core values of the Morrisonian Spirit to this day.

After graduation, Professor Todd's great affection for the Hall continued, along with the treasured friendships he made there. As well as contributed tirelessly to re-connect Morrisonians, Professor Todd enthusiastically filled the gaps in the Morrison Hall records for the Hall's Centennial Celebration in 2013. In 1997, over 50 Morrison Hall alumni pledged their support to the campaign led by Morrisonian Professor Y. C. Cheng, then Vice-Chancellor to resurrect Morrison Hall, which had closed in 1968. Professor Todd was among the campaign's most active advocates. In 2005, Morrison Hall reopened with pride.

This kind-hearted Senior was always willing to share his extensive experience with Morrisonians, regardless of their age, background or profession, doing so with effortless good humour. Professor Todd was a role model of the Morrisonian Spirit, for his professionalism, for his pursuit of excellence, and for his dedication to nurturing generations of young Morrisonians.

Professor Todd, you are a giant, a legend, and your legacy will continue to live on and be fondly remembered.

May the Lord keep you in his loving care.

Morrison Hall (since 1913)
The University of Hong Kong

HKU FOUNDATION

A MUCH-LOVED TEACHER AND TREASURED MENTOR

It is with great sadness we mourn the loss of Professor Sir David Todd (1928 – 2017) and offer our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

He was a loyal and dedicated alumnus, and generous supporter of the Medical Faculty, who brought immense kindness and humility to everything he did.

He will be remembered by his fellow Morrisonians as a key member of the Morrison Hall Rebuilding Campaign. His remarkable legacy will carry on through the Paul and Margaret Todd Scholarship for Medical and Nursing Students, named in memory of his parents, and the David Todd Professorship in Medicine, established by his students and friends in honour of this much-loved teacher and in recognition of his outstanding achievements in medical education and research.

HONG KONG ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

Surrounded by his family, beloved students and mentees, Sir David passed away peacefully on 16 August 2017 – departed from Queen Mary Hospital where his medical education matured and exceptional career achievement endured.

Widely revered by the medical profession locally and internationally for his achievements in medical education and research, Sir David also had an unassailable reputation for his selfless dedication to patient care and community services.

Sir David was instrumental in the establishment of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. He was Chairman of the HKAM Preparatory Committee from 1990 to 1992 and served the Academy as her founding President between 1992 and 1996. After stepping down from his Presidency, he continued to give support to the Academy offering advice to the Council. To honour his contribution, the Executive Board of the HKAM Foundation Fund proposed in 1995 to organise an Oration in his name to be held annually in conjunction with the Academy's Fellowship Conferment Ceremony. In 1997, Sir David was further elected an Honorary Fellow of the Academy.

Professor Todd, as many of us used to fondly call him, was regarded a formidable and caring teacher and mentor by his students and colleagues and commanded tremendous respect from the medical community in Hong Kong. Besides his work in the Academy, he had contributed immensely to the development and growth of medicine in the city and beyond. He was Head of The University of Hong Kong Department of Medicine from 1974 to 1989, Founding President of the Hong Kong College of Physicians in 1986 and a member of the first Hospital Authority Board in 1990. He was also Chairman of the AIDS Trust Fund, Chairman of the Health Services Research Committee, Vice-Chairman of the S.K. Yee Medical Foundation, and Trustee of the Croucher Foundation and the Sino-British Fellowship Trust.

Sir David has left behind a legacy of love, respect, leadership and, most importantly, humanism. He will be always remembered by his family, friends, colleagues and students.

HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

Professor Sir David Todd, our Founding President, has been the Giant of Medicine in Hong Kong and was beloved by all his students, colleagues and friends. He has been a role model for all of us as a most distinguished physician, scientist and medical educationist. Sir David's tremendous respect and affection for his patients became the life force of his career. Even more extraordinary was his ability to influence those around him, his students and colleagues, to care for their patients with passion, compassion and humility and at the same time exercising clinical skills and scientific advancement. We fondly nicknamed him 'Tat Yeh'.

Sir David's grand vision in fostering and upholding professionalism in medicine led to the creation of the Hong Kong College of Physicians. He founded our College in the year 1986 with a legion of senior physicians and became the Founding President. Sir David's work has contributed enormously to advancing the science and art of Medicine, developing and maintaining professional standards and ethical integrity, and promoting and monitoring advanced medical education. He remained as President of our College until 1992 and served as an ex-officio Council Member until his passing away.

To many of us, Sir David was a very powerful man in the field of Medicine; but he never acted like one. He was a gentleman, a pioneer, a legend, a great human, and a great humanitarian act with humbleness and humility. His unsurpassed intellect, passion and courage has changed the landscapes of Medicine of Hong Kong. Our College offers the greatest salute to this icon of Medicine of Hong Kong and mourns over the loss of him. Sir David will always be in our heart and our College offers the deepest condolences to Sir David's family.

Professor Philip K T Li
President, Hong Kong College of Physicians

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL

**SALUTE TO A TRULY OUTSTANDING DBS GENTLEMAN, A DEDICATED EDUCATOR,
A GREAT HEALER AND ABOVE ALL, A WONDERFUL HUMAN BEING: SIR DAVID TODD**

We had the privilege of having Sir David as the guest of honour at the opening of the Garden Fete some years ago.

Sir David was attending DBS when the Japanese invaded Hong Kong during WWII. In one of our conversations, Sir David, pointing from the east wing of our school towards the direction of the old Kai Tak airport, recounted that fateful day on December 8, 1941 when the boys could see the bombers and smoke in the sky. He remembered the boys being dismissed from school by Mr Goodban. He remembered finding himself a bit lost during that time and leaving in a daze with his school mates. When he walked by the tuck shop, he wondered if he would ever return to school for even a simple meal.

The chaos of those times may have left Sir David Todd temporarily disorientated during his tender years. But he soon recovered his bearings and pursued his calling relentlessly to heal the sick, to educate the learners, to support the practitioners and to lift up those around him. His wonderful spirit, fuelled by his caring heart and his selfless deeds, will continue to permeate the hearts and lives of those he has touched.

It is a sad day for many but because of Sir David Todd's inspiration, our hearts are more resolute to carry on his calling to care for our brethren.

May Sir David rest in our good Lord's eternal peace.



A Memorial for PROFESSOR SIR DAVID TODD

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