

Citation for
Choh-Hao Li, Ph.D.

Dr. Li is a prominent chemist and experimental endocrinologist. He has spent thirty years conducting research on hormones, and is esteemed as the world's foremost authority on the subject.

Born of a distinguished family in Canton, Dr. Li first intended to study mathematics. Because of his liking for a certain professor, he changed his major field to chemistry. He earned the degree of Bachelor of Science from the University of Nanking in 1933, and was invited to teach chemistry at his alma mater after graduation. In 1935, he entered the University of California, Berkeley, and became its first graduate student from China to pursue advanced studies in chemistry. Three years later, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy with flying colours. He also received an honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Catholic University of Chile in 1962.

Dr. Li has a rich teaching and research experience. He has been research associate and assistant professor of experimental biology, associate professor and then professor of biochemistry and concurrently professor of experimental endocrinology at Berkeley. He has been both Founder and Director of the famous Hormone Research Laboratory, Berkeley and San Francisco, for the past two decades.

Numerous honours have been conferred on Dr. Li in recognition of his scientific achievements and contributions to mankind. He received the Ciba Award in Endocrinology in 1947, Guggenheim Fellowship in 1948, Francis Emory Septennial Prize of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1955, Albert Lasker Award for Basic Medical Research in 1962, and Golden Plate Award of the American Academy of Achievement in 1964. He was also honoured by appointment as a Faculty Research Lecturer at the University of California, San Francisco, from 1962 to 1963 and as Annual Lecturer of the Japanese Endocrine Society in 1965.

Dr. Li has been elected to several prominent academic and professional institutions in the U.S.A. and other parts of the world, including fellowships in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Academy of Science. He has also been conferred honorary membership by the Argentina Society of Endocrinological Metabolism, Biology Society of Chile, and Academia Sinica of China.

Dr. Li has been an active member of the Advisory Board on Natural Sciences of The Chinese University of Hong Kong since 1964. In that capacity, he has greatly contributed to the development of our academic programme in chemistry. He is also the generous donor of the C.H. Li Funds for Research in Chemistry at this University. In deep appreciation of his services and contribution to our University, Li Choh-Hao is being presented to Your Excellency as a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.