Dr Chau Kai Kin (周啓堅), known to close ones and friends as “Ed Chau”, passed away on 23 October 2018 at the age of 77 after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Katherine, two sons, Ian and Justin, and three grandsons.

Dr Chau was well known and respected in the field of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery in both Hong Kong and Australia. He graduated from the University of Adelaide in 1964 and became a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons in 1966. He was the Senior Lecturer and later the Head of the Department of Oral Surgery and Oral Pathology, the University of Adelaide from 1972 to 1980. Dr Chau then returned to teach at the Department of Oral Surgery and Oral Medicine of the University of Hong Kong and became the Reader and the Head of the Department of Oral Surgery and Oral Medicine in 1984-1985.

Dr Chau had made enormous contribution to the Hong Kong dental profession; he was elected to be the President of the Hong Kong Dental Association in 1984-1985, serving the Dental Council of Hong Kong as her member and the Chairman of the Preliminary Investigation Committee and the Credentials Committee, serving the College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong as her Council Member and Second Vice-President, and, last but not least, the Hong Kong Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons as the founding member and Vice-President.

It is indeed with great sadness to all of us to learn of his passing away. Dr Chau will be fondly remembered for his integrity, honesty, passion to the dental profession, care to patients and, most important of all, his profound knowledge in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery which had inspired many of his fellow students.

On a personal note, I am honoured and proud to have such a great Uncle. His continuous encouragement and unfailing support to me during my student days in Adelaide, as a practitioner in Hong Kong, as a colleague at PPDH, and as an advisor when I was HKDA President will always be treasured and cherished.