

Short Description of Professor Walter K. K. Ho

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Prof. K.K. Walter Ho is presently an Emeritus Professor of the School of Life Sciences and Consultant to the Office of Research and Knowledge Transfer Services (ORKTS) of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). Prof. Ho started his career in teaching and research at The University of Hong Kong and CUHK, with research interests in the structure and function of serum lipoproteins, opiate addiction and endorphins, cloning and expression of fish growth hormone gene and compounds from Chinese medicine having lipid lowering activities. Key positions he held before retirement included Director of the Office of Research and Knowledge Transfer Services, CUHK, Managing Director of the Hong Kong Institute of Biotechnology and the Chairman of the Department of Biochemistry, CUHK. Other than his academic role, Prof. Ho also actively participated in the promotion of biotechnology in Hong Kong. From 1995 to 1999, he was a member of the Biotechnology Committee under the Hong Kong Government Industry Department. He is also a founding and council member of the Hong Kong Biotechnology Association. In addition, he has organised a number of conferences and workshops on various topics related to the business of biotechnology. Prof. Ho is an honorary professor at the Guangzhou Medical University and the Zhejiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences in China. He has served as consultants to several biotechnology companies in Hong Kong.

Prof. Ho obtained his undergraduate degree in Biochemistry and Economics from the University of California, Berkeley in 1968 and Ph.D. in Biophysics in 1972.

