

A TRIBUTE TO DR HO YUEN

Dear Dr Toh

I read with great interest the Obituary to Dr Ho Yuen published recently in the April issue of SMA News.

I would like to join in the tributes to a great and humane doctor whose many accomplishments are sometimes forgotten or overlooked.

I first knew Dr Ho Yuen during the Japanese Occupation when I was a teenager in the Medical Auxiliary Service (MAS) and he was the Director of our MAS unit. Later, I remember him as one of only a few of our clinical teachers who were prepared to conduct teaching ward rounds after office hours for us poor medical students in trepidation of our impending finals. I was the Class Representative, and remember how readily he accepted this additional and unpaid assignment.

After my graduation, I worked in his ward as a house officer. Again, I remember him with gratitude as the only senior doctor who helped me with initial clerking cases on busy admission days.

As Acting Director of Health Services, Dr Ho Yuen was amazingly tolerant of my importunate and frequent phone calls to him about my then "frozen" government fellowship to do the MRCP in the United Kingdom. He was such an approachable and unassuming person.



Yours sincerely,

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