

Press Release

**Two Outstanding Statisticians Named Honorary Members of
the Hong Kong Statistical Society**

The Hong Kong Statistical Society awarded the honorary membership to two outstanding Chair Professors of The University of Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong for their excellence in statistical work. The prize presentation ceremony was held in the Annual General Meeting of the Society on 31 March 2009.

The two statisticians receiving the honour were Professor LI Wai Keung (see photo below), Chair Professor of the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science at The University of Hong Kong and Professor CHAN Ngai Hang (see photo below), Professor of Statistics and Chairman of Department of Statistics at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Professor LI and Professor CHAN are both leading statisticians of Hong Kong, who are renowned for their research in a number of statistical areas. Moreover, both of them have received a number of honours around the world. They are among the few local statisticians who are named Fellow of both the American Statistical Association and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics.



Professor LI Wai Keung



Professor CHAN Ngai Hang

“The honorary membership is intended to recognize remarkable contributions to statistics work and to further statistical development in Hong Kong. In the past 32 years, only 11 statistics professionals were given this honour,” said Mr Leslie TANG, President of the Hong Kong Statistical Society.

Professor LI remarked that, “I am thrilled to be conferred this great honour. It is not only a recognition of my continuous effort in promoting statistical development and education of Hong Kong, but will also encourage me to keep up my collaboration with other prominent colleagues in consolidating Hong Kong’s role and standing in the international statistical community”

Professor CHAN was also glad to receive the honour. He said, “I am deeply humbled and flattered to receive this outstanding honour from the Hong Kong Statistical Society, in particular

to have received this award with distinguished companion like Professor LI. I look forward to working with the Society to promote statistical excellence in Hong Kong and elsewhere.”

The Hong Kong Statistical Society was founded in 1977 with the aim of promoting the development of statistics and enhancing appreciation of the theory and application of statistics. There are some 300 members in the Society, including mainly statistics professors in Hong Kong’s universities and professional statisticians working in both government and private firms. For more information on the Society, please visit its website at www.hkss.org.hk.