



DR. Rajakumar is an icon of international Family medicine. He was the president of the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) from 1986 - 1989. He was born to be a leader.

His leadership has guided the development of Family Medicine as the core valve in health delivery around the world especially in the developing countries.

He fostered international relations for WONCA beyond the direct context of health care: in particular with UNICEF. He was influential on many issues relating to Family Medicine at the international stage.

Dr. Rajakumar had devoted his entire life to the development and betterment of general practitioners. His contributions in establishing the Malaysian Academy of Family Physicians and the many posts he had held in Malaysia as shown in the table of his brief Curriculum Vitae had testified his achievements in the medical profession which went beyond his own country. He had forgotten how many honors he had obtained from overseas countries.

In establishing the local fellowship examination of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians (HKCFP) from 1984 - 1986, Dr. Rajakumar was invited as one of the 3 external examiners to supervise the running of the examinations. The successful conduction of these examinations together with the subsequent conjoint fellowship examinations with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners has paved the way for our College to acclaim a specialty status when our College to acclaim a specialty status when the Hong Kong Academy of medicine was formed in 1993.

In 1987, when our College held the Asia-Pacific Regional WONCA Conference, Dr. Rajakumar was invited as the keynote address speaker on "**Uniting Across Frontiers**". He said "The tiny member Colleges in WONCA seem to concentrate talents and nowhere have i seen a more dedicated College Council than in the Hong Kong College". This was his impression of the College.

In 1993, He was the Sun Yat Sen Orator of the College on a topic "**Between Faith and Reason: The Quest of the Physician**". During the oration he

cautioned us" Coming back to Hong Kong, i find a strong and mature College. With your admission as a specialty into the Academy of Medicine, you are ahead of the rest of us. If I may offer a word of advice, it is that you face rapid change and great challenges and it is not sufficient to merely be more energetic with old approaches. There is a whole new world ahead of you that calls for new ways of thinking and working." His love and hope in our College is well illustrated in his comments.

By virtue of his contributions in the help of steering the College, he was conferred Honorary Fellowship of the College in 1996.

Dr. Rajakumar was a man of deep passion, full of love and devotion. He maintained his solo practice till he was found ill 2 years ago. He had a magnetic personality and was held the highest esteem by his patients. He was a shining example of a compassionate, knowledgeable and skillful family doctor. His main hobby of life was reading which gave him. I was astonished to visit his private library at his home with thousands of books of different natures. While mourning at the loss of a great leader in Family Medicine, we are all very proud to witness Dr. Rajakumar's role in the evolution of Family Medicine in Hong Kong. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him and will be forever remembered in our hearts. Dr. Rajakumar is survived by his wife Kit Hong, daughters Sunita and Kiren, son Arjuna and grand-daughter Priva.

Dr. Stephen Foo



Highlights of an outstanding life and career

1962 – 1975	Member, University Council, University of Malaya
1976 – 1995	Chairman of Council, College of General Practitioners of Malaysia
1976 – 1988	Member, Malaysian Medical Council
1978	Fellow, Malaysian Scientific Association
1979	Chairman, Confederation of Scientific and Technological Associations of Malaysia
1979 – 1980	President, Malaysian Medical Association
1980	Foundation Chairman, Medical Association of South-East Asian Nations
1981 – 1983	President, Malaysian Scientific Association
1984 – 1986	External Examiner for the Fellowship Examination, Hong Kong College of General Practitioners
1986 – 1989	President, World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA)
1988 – 1991	President, Malaysian Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
1989	Visiting Professor, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
1989 – 1996	Member, Food and Drug Control Authority, Ministry of Health
1991 – 1991	Vice-Chairman, International Union Against V.D. and Treponematosis, Asia-Pacific
1993	Dr. Sun Yat Sen Orator on "Between Faith and Reason, the Quest of the Physician." – The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians
1995 – 1998	Vice-President, Academy of Sciences of Malaysia
1996	Honorary Fellow, The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians
1996 – 1997	Honorary Consultant, University Hospital, University of Malaya
1996 – 1997	Adjunct Professor, National University of Malaysia
1997	Member, Committee on Quality Assurance in Managed Care, Ministry of Health
1989	Honorary Professor, Capital Institute of Medicine, Beijing, China
1999	Chairman, Organising Committee, 3 rd World Conference on Rural Health
2003 – 2005	President, Academy of Family Physicians of Malaysia
2003	Award of Honour, Chinese Medical Association
2004	Senior Fellowship Award, Consortium of Thai Training Institutes for STD and AIDS (COOTTISA)