THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Meng H. Tan, M.D., clinical professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on July 31, 2018.

Dr. Tan received his B.Sc. and M.D. degrees from Dalhousie University in 1965 and 1969 respectively. He completed his internship (1968-69) and residency (1969-71) at Dalhousie University. Dr. Tan completed a research fellowship (1971-73) at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and E.P. Joslin Research Laboratory at Harvard University and a post-doctoral research fellowship (1973-75) at the Cardiovascular Research Institute at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Tan returned to Dalhousie University as an assistant professor in 1975, and was promoted to associate professor in 1978, and professor in 1983. He worked for Becton Dickinson and Company from 1996-97 and Eli Lilly and Company from 1999-2007. Dr. Tan joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical professor in 2008.

Dr. Tan, an expert in diabetes and dyslipidemias, was recognized world-wide for his significant contributions in promoting health through research, education, patient care, and advocacy. He presented his work at many national and international conferences, and was a highly sought-after speaker. Dr. Tan authored and co-authored 186 peer-reviewed publications, 246 abstracts, and five book chapters. His research has been supported by public and non-governmental granting agencies. At Eli Lilly and Company, Dr. Tan played a leading role in the design and implementation of clinical studies for new drugs for the treatment of diabetes. At the UM Medical School, he established the Michigan Diabetes Research Center’s Diabetes Research Registry and was the principal investigator of the MGI-MEND project, which focused on the genomics and metabonomics of diabetes. He served as the inaugural editor-in-chief of Clinical Diabetes and Endocrinology, a peer-reviewed journal indexed in PubMed and published collaboratively by the University of Michigan and BioMed Central. Dr. Tan held a number of leadership positions, including president of the Canadian Diabetes Association, first chair of the Canadian Diabetes Advisory Board, vice president of the International Diabetes Federation, and founder of the Diabetes Care Program of Nova Scotia. He received the Charles H. Best Medal (1990) and the Charles H. Best Award (1993) from the Canadian Diabetes Association.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Meng H. Tan, clinical professor emeritus of internal medicine.

Requested by:

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