

**PROGRAMME**  
Persatuan Dr. Wu Lien-Teh, Pulau Pinang  
**The Dr. Wu Lien-Teh Society, Penang**  
檳城伍连德学会



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## **The 2016 Dr Wu Lien-Teh**

### **Commemorative Global Symposium and Public Lecture**

Dr. Wu Lien-Teh (1879-1960) was a global medical icon in public health in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Born in Penang, Malaysia, he was a student from Penang Free School. He was the first Malaysian and a top medical student to study at Emmanuel College, Cambridge University, where he obtained his PhD. He was among the first founders of the Anti-Opium Society in Malaya and eventually achieved the abolishment of opium in 1926. He was trained by three Nobel laureates in Physiology or Medicine in England, France and Germany in 1903 before returning to work in the Institute for Medical Research, Kuala Lumpur, where there is a gallery about his great pioneering work. He was offered a position as Vice Director of the Tientsin Military Medical Hospital, China in 1907. In December 1910 there was an outbreak of a serious epidemic involving pneumonic plague in Manchuria, where he and his medical team were despatched by the Ching dynasty government to investigate the cause and bring the plague under control.

Dr Wu's heroic medical work led to the halting of the outbreak after 60,000 lives were lost, which could have devastated China. By initiating the largest cremation in Chinese history and putting in quarantine measures and inventing the "Wu mask", Dr. Wu succeeded in bringing the plague under control within 6 months. He subsequently was tasked to establish some 20 hospitals and research hospitals in China, thus he was known as the Father of Modern Medicine in China. In 1932 he co-authored the first English book on "History of Chinese Medicine".

He also founded the China Medical Association in 1916. For his work on pneumonic plague he was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1935 and still holds the record as the first Malaysian to achieve such distinction. He returned to Malaysia in 1937 and continued as a practicing doctor in Ipoh. He was actively involved in civic and public health work in Ipoh until 1960. He retired in January 1960 and returned to Penang where he died of a stroke. The Times of London wrote "The world of medicine has lost a heroic and almost legendary figure".

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## Symposium/Lecture Programme

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016 (Saturday)

Venue: Penang Institute, 10, Brown Road, 10350 George Town, Penang

**The morning session (9.00am – 1.00pm) is open to the general public without charges  
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8.00am	Registration of participants and speakers
9.00am	Welcome by Dato' (Dr.) Anwar Fazal, President of the Dr Wu Lien-Teh Society
9.10am	Speech by Mdm. Alison Chong Nyuen Yin, representative of Dr Wu's family and Vice-President of the Society
9.20am	Speech by Mr Lim Guan Eng, Chief Minister of Penang
9.30am	Signing of Memorandum Of Understanding between The Dr. Wu Lien-Teh Society and United Nations University, International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH);  Launching the reprint of "Memories of Dr Wu Lien-Teh, Plague Fighter";  Presentation of gift to the Chief Minister of Penang
10.00am	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dr. Wu Lien-Teh Memorial Lecture on "Science and the Wider Society" by Datuk Dr. Looi Lai-Meng, Distinguished Professor, University of Malaya and Co-chair of Inter-Academy Partnership for Health  Moderator: Prof. Dr. Anthony Capon, Director UNU-IIGH
11.00am	<i>Tea break</i> & Launching the placement of Dr Wu Lien-Teh bust at Penang Institute grounds and group photo
11.30am	Forum 1: "The Life of Dr. Wu Lien-Teh, the Society's objectives, programmes and various initiatives" by Mr. Clement Liang, heritage historian and activist, Honorary Treasurer of the Society
12.00pm	Forum 2: "The Academic Heritage of Dr Wu Lien-Teh in Harbin" by Professor Zhang Feng Min, Dean of Basic Medical Science College and Executive Director of Wu Lien-Teh Institute, Harbin Medical University
12.30pm	Forum 3: "Walking the Path with Passion" by Dr. Kris See Ke Shyang, Medical Director of Osel Clinic and Committee Member of the Society
1.00pm	<i>Lunch (by invitation only)</i>
2.00pm	Serial presentations on the "Family Tree of Founding Ancestors – Ng Khee Hock and Lam Choy Fun", "Rediscovery of the Ancestral Tombs", "Search for Ruth Huang's (First Mrs. Wu) tomb in Beijing", and "Search for Missing Elder Brother and 5 <sup>th</sup> Brother of Dr Wu" by Mdm Alison Chong Nyuen Yin
3.00pm	Sharing of stories and memories by Dr Wu's family members and friends
4.00pm	Open floor discussion and feedback on the program, and future directions for the Commemorative Global Symposium
4.30pm	<i>Adjourns</i>
7.30pm	State Government of Penang Official Dinner (by invitation only) Venue: St Giles Hotel

# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Dr Wu Lien-Teh Memorial Lecture

## Science and the Wider Society

Professor Datuk Dr Looi Lai-Meng

*Distinguished Professor, University of Malaya &*

*Co-Chair, InterAcademy Partnership for Health/InterAcademy Medical Panel*

Although scientific advancements of the 20<sup>th</sup> century have contributed to an impressive doubling of human life-span, there remain many challenges to human health and wellbeing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We continue to live in an unequal world: many under-resourced countries where the burden of disease is greatest have yet to benefit from 20<sup>th</sup> century advances. Compounding the problem are the demands of increasingly complex health care systems and a rapidly changing global environment. Climate change, social conflict, urbanization and rapid mass travel have led to disease emergence with global threats. Because scientists wear many hats, they can make a difference in many ways, both as individuals and through global collaboration. The InterAcademy Partnership for Health, previously known as the InterAcademy Medical Panel, is a global network of 78 Academies of Medicine and Academies of Science with Medical divisions, with the objective of providing evidence based advice to policy makers on health issues. It acts through science diplomacy to build the capacity of member academies, and forge action through global collaboration. Among its initiatives addressing Urban Health, One Health and the Social Determinants of Health, is its signature “Young Physician Leaders” programme designed to foster a new generation of young medical and scientific leaders for the 21st Century. Collaboration between Science and Society is crucial for building resilience to crisis and sustaining health for future generations.



Professor Datuk Dr Looi Lai-Meng is Malaysia’s inaugural National Distinguished Professor, positioned at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya (UM). She holds a concurrent appointment as senior consultant histopathologist at the University of Malaya Medical Centre (UMMC). Professor Looi studied medicine as a Malaysian Federal Scholar at the University of Singapore (1970-1975), where she was a medalist in Pathology and Social Medicine, and won the King Edward VII Hall awards for literary works, art forms and poetry. She trained in Surgical Pathology at UM, Royal Postgraduate Medical School (UK) and Brigham and Woman’s Hospital, Boston, (USA) and defended her research doctorate at UM. Her attainment of UM’s Chair of Pathology at age 36 years distinguished her as one of the youngest holder of a Professorial chair. During her long academic career at UM (1979- to date), she has served as Department Head, Deputy Dean (Postgraduate), Chairman Medical Centre Research Committee, Chairman Medical Ethics Committee, Chairman UMMC Medical Advisory Committee, representative to the Malaysian Medical Council and Chair of UM’s Committee for External Academic Evaluators (Science). Awarded “Best Lecturer” seven times by her students, she has also mentored 10 doctorate (MD/PhD), 21 research Masters and more than 150 Clinical Masters candidates. She has more than 190 peer-reviewed publications on amyloidosis, renal pathology and cancer pathology, is devoted to promoting a research and ethical culture among researchers, has delivered >400 guest lectures and regularly conducts scientific writing workshops nationally and internationally.

Professor Looi has been honoured as Visiting Professor to the Harvard Medical School, *Foundation Fellow* and *Academician* of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia, recipient of the National Science Award and ASEAN Outstanding Scientist Award. She is Editor-in-Chief of the Malaysian Journal of Pathology, has

served on the International Editorial Advisory Boards of Pathology, Journal of Pathology, Human Pathology and Histopathology, is Founding Vice-President of the Association of Malaysian Medical Journal Editors (AMMJE), and chairs the Ethics and Editorial Policies Committee of Asia-Pacific Association of Medical Editors (APAME). A Fellow of both Royal Colleges of Pathologists, UK (RCPath) and Australasia (RCPA), she served as Examiner and Advisor to both. She is the Founding President of the College of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine Malaysia, and was instrumental in developing pathology laboratory accreditation for Malaysia, the Pathology Act and several National guidelines on medical laboratory practices. In 2010 she was honoured RCPA Distinguished Fellow and Inaugural National Distinguished Professor (*Profesor Ulung Negara*). She co-chairs the InterAcademy Medical Panel, a global network of 78 National Sciences and Medical Academies which provides evidence-based advice to governments on health issues, and is immediate past-President of the World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (WASPaLM). She was recently (2015) awarded the Gold-Headed Cane, the highest honour from WASPaLM, for outstanding leadership at the global level.

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### DR. WU LIEN-TEH HERITAGE TOUR

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (Sunday)

8.30am	Meet at St. Giles Hotel and board chartered bus,  Depart to visit Mt Erskine to pay respects to the Founding Ancestors from whom all relatives descended from - Dr Wu's parents and his maternal grandmother
10.15am	Visit Batu Gantung to pay respects to Dr. and Mrs Wu
11.20am	Drive past his house in Ayer Itam where he retired and died
11.30am	Arrive at Penang Free School for group photo; Visit the new School Museum and the Grounds – 200 <sup>th</sup> Years Anniversary
12.45pm	Drive through the road named after Dr Wu “Jalan Taman Dr. Wu Lien-Teh” with group photo session
1.15pm	Lunch at Peranakan Nyonya favourites at Lebu Light
2.30pm	Visit Wu Kongsu where Dr Wu's father was a member
3.45pm	Drive past 38 Love Lane where Dr Wu lived
3.50pm	Drive past his clinic at Chulia Street
4.00pm	Visit local museum (Dr Sun Yat Sen)
5.30pm	End of tour - back to hotel.
7.00pm	Family reunion dinner (by invitation only)

**For more information about the Dr. Wu Lien-Teh Society & downloadable forms, please visit**

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