## A Brief Biography of Professor Chan Hsiao-chang

Professor Chan Hsiao-chang obtained her B.S. degree in Bioengineering in 1983 and Ph.D. degree in Biophysics in 1988 from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She worked at the University of Chicago as a postdoctoral fellow before she took up a faculty position as Assistant Professor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1993. She was promoted to Professor of Physiology in 2006. She sits on numerous editorial boards and also holds visiting professorship at over 14 universities or institutes in Mainland China. Professor Chan has also been invited to review grants for a number of funding agencies worldwide, including WHO, Wellcome Trust (UK), German Cystic Fibrosis Association, Italian Telethon Foundation, National Natural Science Foundation of China and National Science Foundation (USA).

Professor Chan's contributions to epithelial cell biology have brought her a number of awards including the State Natural Sciences Award (4<sup>th</sup> class) of China (1997), Distinguished Young Investigator Award by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (2000), the Senior Research Fellowship of The Croucher Foundation (2007-08), and the Life Sciences Award of the Cheung Kong Achievement Award (2007).