

Professor May Cheng May-hung's Biography

Professor May Cheng May-hung is currently Associate Vice President (Academic Affairs), Registrar and Chair Professor of Teacher Education of The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK).

Professor Cheng began teacher education work at the Sir Robert Black College of Education in 1990. As a long-serving member of EdUHK and the former Hong Kong Institute of Education, she has taken up academic leadership positions at different stages, such as Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Associate Dean (Programmes) and Programme Director. Between 2010 and the end of 2011, Professor Cheng was a Reader in Professional Education at the Department of Education, the University of Oxford, and a fellow of the Governing Body at Kellogg College.

Professor Cheng graduated from The University of Hong Kong and received a BSc (First-class Hons) degree in Zoology, a Certificate in Education (Distinction) and a Master's in Education. She obtained her PhD at the University of Waikato, New Zealand. She served as the President of the East Asian Association for Science Education (EASE) from 2016 to 2019. Professor Cheng has actively participated in and made contributions to the international science education arena.

She has been an International Committee member of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching in the United States, and has chartered status as a fellow of the Royal Society of Biology, UK. She is on the editorial boards of various international journals e.g. *Cogent Education*, *Teaching and Teacher Education*, *Teachers and Teaching*, *Asia Pacific Journal of Teacher Education*. She has successfully obtained various research and project grants from the General Research Fund, the Quality Education Fund and the Education Bureau. She is also a prolific writer who has edited and written more than 13 books, and published over 140 journal articles and book chapters.

Professor Cheng has actively participated in education service in Hong Kong. She was appointed as a registered auditor of the Quality Audit Committee under the University Grants Committee (UGC), a specialist and member for institutional review by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications, a member of the Council of the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) and to the Curriculum Development Council. She has also served on various subject committees at the HKEAA, the curriculum development committee at the Curriculum Development Institute, and the Education Committee at the Maritime Museum. Professor Cheng is an Academic Board representative on the Council of EdUHK.

In her role as Associate Vice President cum Registrar, Professor Cheng led the Registry in various tasks, including meeting the challenges of the double cohort due to the New Senior Secondary reform, the preparation for the second QAC, development of Key Performance Indicators, and the organisation of major events such as the Installation of the President. She has coordinated the secretariat team and completed various exercises and reviews with successful results including programme validations, and revalidations, programme area accreditation, the UGC review exercise for University title, the second QAC Review, the development of the ten-year strategic plan for the University, preparation for sub-degree QAC, and the submission for the Triennial Planning Exercises.

She is one of the key drivers in upgrading Registry functions through the development of the Academic Management Information System, development of software systems for student assessment, upgrading of the student information management system, and devising the admissions strategy.