

While we are all deeply saddened by the bad news, we all realise that we must carry on, following Professor Hedley's visions and missions for public health. We will all remember his teaching, his achievements, his leadership and his role model and will persevere to fight against the enemies of public health. I wish to share with all who have known Tony through many different life courses something about AJH which are less well known that I will always remember. I hope this would motivate others to share more of our fond memories of Tony. Professor Hedley was a marathon runner and he ran long distance regularly. He was a committed photographer and a camera collector: he made the corridors of the 5th floor where our School is located a photo exhibition gallery with his photos capturing beautiful lives and scenes for all to appreciate. He was a scholar of history of medicine in Hong Kong: he discovered The Lugard Tribute in Britain and brought it back to the HKU Museum. His photos of the Tribute can be seen also on the 5th floor. He was probably the most prolific writer of letters to the SCMP on many public health issues, especially on tobacco control and air pollution. Before he took up duty as Head of Department of Community Medicine, he took the first departmental staff photo, and he continued to do so with his own camera until he left Hong Kong. When he first came to office in Hong Kong, he asked us to call him Tony. We disobeyed quietly and always called him "Prof" loudly. When

he found that Hong Kong had five and a half working day week then, he proposed that we did not need to work on Saturday mornings. He failed soon, as we found that he worked on Saturdays regularly. I soon learnt from him a new English expression, "The weekend is cancelled". His English writing was "copy book" style: neat, clear and pretty, even when in red everywhere on our draft papers or reports. To many of us, Prof Hedley was a great teacher and trainer, and we are all very proud and privileged being among his numerous beneficiaries. So much for the time being, and just before Christmas: To our beloved "Prof", the marathon runner for public health, please rest in peace. (24 December 2014)