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In Fond Memory of Professor Sir Charles K. Kao (1933 – 2018)

We are deeply saddened to learn that Professor Sir Charles Kao passed away on 23 September 2018, at the age of 84.

Professor Kao was one of the four founding Fellows of HKAES, which was established on 13 September 1994. He was widely known around the world as the “Father of Fibre Optics” for his pioneering work on the development and use of fibre optics in telecommunications.

Professor Kao was born on 4 November 1933 in Shanghai, China, and received his bachelor’s degree and PhD in 1957 and 1965 respectively from the University of London. Among the many positions held by him, he was Vice-Chancellor and President of the Chinese University of Hong Kong from 1987 to 1996. He received the Nobel Prize for Physics in 2009 for his groundbreaking work on the transmission of light in fibers for optical communication.

All members of HKAES would like to extend our most sincere condolences to Professor Kao’s family and beloved ones for their loss. The profound contributions made by Professor Kao will forever be remembered.

May Professor Kao rest in peace.