

About the Author

Mr. Edward P.H. Woo was born in 1937. He received his education in Hong Kong before proceeding to London to attend law school. Upon his return to Hong Kong in 1962, he started to practice as a solicitor.

In 1969, together with a group of friends interested in finance, Mr. Woo set up the Far East Stock Exchange in Hong Kong. Mr. Woo was also one of the founders of the Commodity Exchange of Hong Kong, serving on the board of the founder company. With his experience in futures trading, Mr. Woo wrote a book entitled *The Winning Art and Logic of Speculation in the Futures Markets*. For many years, Mr. Woo served on the committee of the Far East Stock Exchange and subsequently at the United Stock Exchange of Hong Kong.

In 1979, with another group of friends interested in the promotion of higher education, Mr. Woo set up a private university in Macau called the University of East Asia. The university was converted into a publicly funded university in 1990, and its name was changed to the University of Macau.

In 1992, he became involved with the setting up of the Asia International Open University in Macau (now re-named as City University of Macau). He had served as the Chairman of the Administrative Council and subsequently as the Chairman of Consultative Council, in addition to acting as the director in charge of the Center for Research on Linguistics (Tonal) Studies. Mr. Woo has since retired from all administrative and

consultative capacities save and except in the field of research in the analysis of the tones of languages.

In the 1990s, Mr. Woo invented a system simplifying the process of teaching and learning Cantonese called the “Musical Approach”. Over the years, this system developed and extended into a discovery about the commonality in the tones of different languages spoken around the world. The discovery is known as the “Theory of the Hexatave” or “The 6-tone Concept”. This Theory proposes to supplement the International Phonetics symbols with the Hexatave symbols, and to illustrate the wisdom of the Chinese pinyin system in its universal application in learning languages of the world. Mr. Woo has presented its findings to an international audience at a UNESCO (聯合國教育科學及文組織國際會議) forum for the promotion of world peace. Since then, he has shared the fruits of his research efforts through lectures given at other universities and high schools locally in Hong Kong and Macau. To prove the usefulness of knowing the Theory of the Hexatave, Mr. Woo has written two sets of books, one for helping English speakers to learn Cantonese, know as *SPEAK CANTONESE in 7 Days (2011)*; and the other for helping Chinese speakers to learn English pronunciation known as *Learn English Pronunciation with instant success, 六通英語發音秘笈 (2013)*.

Mr. Woo is also an avid reader in politics, philosophy and Buddhism. Always driven by his attempts to search for a better way of living in this world for the human race, as well as to seek enlightenment on a more spiritual and philosophical level, he is also the author of these books published in Asia and

North America: *In Search of an Ideal Political Order & An Understanding of Different Political Cultures* (2002), *Buddhism: The Big Picture Explained* (2008), *The Core of Oriental Wisdom: Buddhism Explained and Compared with Other Religions* (2008), *淺談佛教 - 分享學佛心得* (2010), *佛學與現代人* (2010), *有為法與無為法* (2015).

Mr. Woo was conferred an honorary doctorate in philosophy by the IMC of London.

Mr. Woo is spending part of his time in Kuala Lumpur.