Kit Po Wong Tribute

Our Tribute to Kit Po Wong
We have set up this tribute page to share some of the stories and testimonies of Kit Po Wong. Please celebrate his life with us. We welcome your input. You may submit your contribution such as personal notes or photos to Douglas Chai at email d.chai@ecu.edu.au.

VALE – Kit Po Wong (7 Oct 1946 – 8 Jul 2018)
It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our great colleague and friend Professor Kit Po Wong.

Professor Kit Po Wong was a Fellow of the IEEE and an active IEEE volunteer. He served as the Chair of the IEEE WA Section in 1999 and 2000, and the inaugural WA chapter chair of the IEEE Power Engineering Society in 1996. He led many IEEE conferences and served on numerous IEEE editorial boards.

Professor Wong was an accomplished academic and a prolific scholar with a very impressive publication and citation track record. His career spanned over four decades. He had contributed tirelessly to the academic community, especially in the power system engineering discipline. He had taught many students in his career. His legacy and influence will remain for many years to come.

He will be very sadly missed by all.

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Messages from IEEE members

“I remember Kit Po as a very happy and gentle person. In recent times when he had withdrawn a bit from active IEEE duties his welcome was most warming, and his face lit up with that Cheshire grin whenever we met – even though it may have been years since we last saw each other. His gentleness and care was strongly demonstrated on two occasions with me. At an IEEE workshop held at the Atrium in Mandurah, a disturbance broke out amongst some other male/female guests that were not part of our group. You could see his concern and he wanted to intervene and calm the situation. The second thing that stood out - I had rang him earlier in 2018, and perhaps before he became ill. The PES was looking for a fellow who could assist in a fellow coaching panel. He was most welcoming of my call but he was in a stage where his primary concern was for his wife’s health. On the IEEE stage he was the general chair of IEEE Powercon 2000 in Perth. Up to that stage Powercon had been hosted in China. His influence, energy and dedication ensured that this was a successful conference. There is a legacy from this event and it is in the form of a generous UWA student prize for Power System Analysis achievement. He was also a good section and chapter leader, and was the inaugural PES chapter chair. It was always a pleasure working alongside him and he will be dearly missed.” – Harry McDonald, 2018 IEEE WA Section Chair
“I first met Professor Kit Po Wong back in 1991. He was my lecturer, then he became a great mentor, colleague, and friend. He introduced me to the world of IEEE volunteering. The impact that he had made on my academic and personal life will be cherished forever.” – Douglas Chai, Past IEEE WA Section Chair

“The first time I met Professor Kit Po Wong was in 1999 when he was the IEEE Section Chair. After which, I came to know him better from working with him in IEEE and through his publications and his research work. He was a very well respected colleague and academic. I also admire his energy and the desire to achieve the best in everything he did. He was also always very eager in contributing to the professional community around the world as well as the local community. It is no doubt that he will be deeply missed.” – Kevin Wong, Past IEEE WA Section Chair

“I am so sorry to hear this. I have known Professor Wong since 1996. He was a great colleague and outstanding power engineering academic. May God the Almighty rest his soul in peace and grant him a place in heaven.” – Syed Islam, John Curtin Distinguished Professor, Curtin University