

In Memoriam: Professor Dao Pei Lu (1931-2025)

A doyen of blood and marrow transplantation in China, the Asia-Pacific and indeed the whole world, Professor Dao Pei Lu, passed away on the 2nd of April, 2025. As a founding member of the Asia-Pacific Blood and Marrow Transplantation (APBMT) since 1991, we recall with much fondness and gratitude his contributions to the growth and development of the organization.



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Being associated with bone marrow transplantation (BMT) since 1964, he had the distinction of having not only performed the first allogeneic BMT in 1981, the first haplo-identical in 1991, the first unrelated donor transplant in 1992 as well as the first double unit cord blood transplant in a heavier adult in 2000. His seminal contributions in the field of hematology include the use of oral arsenic sulfide for the treatment of acute promyelocytic leukemia.

Other achievements of Professor Dao-Pei Lu include establishing the Peking University Institute of Hematology and also serving as its director, being the chairman of the Hematology branch of Chinese Medical Association and its vice-president. In the later years, he established the Beijing Lu Dao Pei Hospital as well as the China Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Cooperative Group.

Among his innumerable awards and accolades in China are the State Science and Technology Progress Award (1985), the Ho Leung Ho Lee Foundation Science and Technology Progress Award (1997), the Chen Jiageng Science Award (1997), the Chinese Medical Association Technology Progress Award (2006), the Beijing Science and Technology Progress Award (2006), and the Lifetime Achievement Award both from the Chinese Anti-Cancer Association (2016) and the Chinese Hematology Association (2020). He was also the recipient of the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research Distinguished Service Award (2016).

Professor Dao Pei Lu was closely associated with all APBMT activities and indeed helped shape them. He was the President of the 10th APBMT annual congress in 2005

in Hangzhou, China. His efforts at spreading the science and art of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) have contributed significantly to the wide and enduring practice of this important therapeutic modality in so many countries in this part of the world.



At the business meeting of the APBMT in 2000 annual meeting (sitting 2nd from left)

His enthusiasm and positivity encouraged and inspired the participants at each annual meeting of APBMT. As we recall some of his tremendous contributions to HSCT, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region through the APBMT, we also commit to continuing the mission of service to patients through innovation and scale.

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