

Seminar On

A Modest Proposal of A Topic to be Considered in Our Curriculum

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Abstract

Based on life expectancy statistics, the average retirement years for folks in Hong Kong may well be half of the length of the working years. While the formal education we received in universities, including mathematics, sciences, engineering, economics, English etc. may serve us well in our working years, the question arises whether it helps us in our retirement years.

Let us pose the following two questions:

1. Has any professor in any course pointed out that you are likely to have a long life after retirement and you should be prepared for it?
2. Does your formal education help you in this period of your life, which may well be 20 years or more?

Anticipating the likely answer to both questions is NO, the talk proceeds to suggest a simple addition to the curriculum and to recount a personal experience which may be helpful.

Biography

Professor Kai Fong Lee received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees from Queen's University Canada and his Ph.D. degree from Cornell University, all in electrical engineering. He is Dean Emeritus, School of Engineering at the University of Mississippi, where he served from 2001 to 2011. His prior academic positions included the founding Head of the Department of Electronic Engineering at the City University of Hong Kong, Chairman and Lapierre Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Chairman of Department of Electrical Engineering at The University of Toledo, Ohio, and Reader in Electronics at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He also held research positions at UCLA, UCSD, NASA, and several National Laboratories in the US. While his main interests since retirement in 2011 are non-engineering related, Professor Lee had nevertheless been invited to give short courses and seminars on patch antenna design at the City University of Hong Kong, National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University. He was invited to speak on the history of the development of patch antennas at the 2016 IEEE AP-S meeting in Puerto Rico. In 2017, he completed, with Professor K. M. Luk and Dr. H. W. Lai, the second edition of the book "Microstrip Patch Antennas". His other books included "Principles of Antenna Theory" (1985) and "Advances in Microstrip and Printed Antennas" (Editor, 1997). In April 2018, he was invited to serve as a member of the International External Review Committee on Electronic Engineering of Tsinghua University, Beijing. Professor Lee is a Life Fellow of IEEE. In 2009, he received the IEEE.AP-S John Kraus Antenna Award for inventing the U-Slot Patch Antenna.

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