

## **Biography of Professor Ka Ho Mok, Joshua**

Professor Joshua Mok is Chair Professor of Comparative Policy, concurrently Vice President (Research and Development) of The Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIED). He joined the HKIED in January 2010 and was the Founding Dean of Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Before joining the HKIED, he was Associate Dean and Professor of Social Policy, Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong (HKU). Being appointed as Founding Chair Professor in East Asian Studies, Professor Mok established the Centre for East Asian Studies at the University of Bristol, UK before taking the position at HKU.

Professor Mok is no narrow disciplinary specialist but has worked creatively across the academic worlds of sociology, political science and public and social policy while building up his wide knowledge of China and the region. Professor Mok completed his undergraduate studies (Public and Social Administration) at City University of Hong Kong in 1989, having MPhil (Sociology) from Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1991, and got his PhD from London School of Economics and Political Science (Sociology) in 1994. Professor Mok has published extensively in the fields of comparative education policy, comparative development and policy studies, and social development in contemporary China and East Asia. In particular, he has contributed to the field of social change and education in a variety of additional ways, not the least of which has been his leadership and entrepreneurial approach to the organization of the field. His recent published works have focused on comparative social development and social policy responses in Greater China region and East Asia.

His membership on numerous editorial boards, commissions, in key scholarly societies all contribute to the recognition that he is among the best in his field. He served as President of East Asia Social Policy Research Network (EASP), President of the Hong Kong Sociological Association (HKSA), Chairman of the Hong Kong Educational Research Association (HKERA) and President of Comparative Education Society of Hong Kong (CESHK). He is a Founding Editor of *Journal of Asian Public Policy* (London: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group) and *Asian Education and Development Studies* (Emerald), Book Series of *Comparative Development and Policy in Asia* Book Series (London: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group) and Book Series of *Higher Education in Asia: Quality, Excellence and Governance* (Springer).

Professor Mok is active in promoting international cooperation in academic and research programmes. He was named by the Ministry of Education, People's Republic of China as

Changjiang Scholar Chair Professor (Comparative Education and East Asian Studies) in 2010. He is now a core organizer of *Asia Pacific Higher Education Research Partnership (APHERP)* and *Research Consortium of Asian Education and Development Studies* and *Inter-University Research Consortium for Comparative Social Policy Research in Greater China Region*. As a research team leader, he will work closely with UCL Institute of Education for promoting international and multidisciplinary research through the *Centre for Engaged Global Higher Education (CEGHE)* funded by ESRC and HEFCE in the next five years. In recent years, Joshua has received invitations as international research collaborator, senior research fellow / visiting professor or keynote speaker / speaker from UCL Institute of Education, SOAS University of London, University of York, University of Bath and University of Bristol (UK), Mercator Institute for China Studies (Germany), Harvard University, Stanford University, University of Wisconsin in Madison, East-West Center (USA), University of Sydney, University of Murdoch and Queensland University of Technology (Australia) and major universities in Greater China and East Asia such as Peking University, Zhejiang University and Sun Yat-sen University (China), National Taiwan University, National Cheng Chi University and National Chung Cheng University (Taiwan), Korea University and Seoul National University (Korea), National University of Singapore (Singapore), University of Malaya (Malaysia), and University of Tokyo and Osaka University (Japan).