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Few researchers could claim to have pioneered an important service in a major world metropolis, but Professor Jean Woo did exactly that. She was responsible for the development of geriatric services in the New Territories East hospital cluster, working to establish the Geriatric Day Hospital in 1985 and a non-acute in-patient service at Shatin Hospital in 1991, where she is still Chief of Service for Medicine and Geriatrics.

Professor Woo joined CUHK's Faculty of Medicine in 1985, and is now Head of Medicine at its Division of Geriatrics, Director of the S.H. Ho Centre for Gerontology and Geriatrics, and Director of the Centre for Nutritional Studies. For over 30 years Professor Woo has been leading the development of teaching and research in geriatric medicine, with particular emphasis on ageing and common diseases, public health and ageing, health service delivery to the elderly and the nutritional status and requirements of an ageing population. She has published over 400 articles in peer-reviewed journals, plus a number of other articles and book chapters.

In 1999 Professor Woo received a Senior Medical Research Fellowship from the Croucher Foundation for her contributions to medical science. She has also been the recipient of many research grants, including the worldwide Unrestricted Nutrition Grant from BristolMyersSquibb and its parent company Mead Johnson in the United States. Professor Woo is undaunted by goals that might intimidate the less determined. She is currently Director of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Cadenza project, which



aims to revolutionize the way society views and treats the elderly. In all of her activities, Professor Woo is a true pioneer.

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