

**Professor David Parker
1943-2015**

**Founding Fellow of the Academy
Inaugural Secretary of the Academy, 2011-2013**

We are saddened to report that David Parker passed away on Thursday 29 October, peacefully in his sleep. He had successfully battled multiple myeloma, a form of cancer, for the last two years and had remained mobile and cheerful until the final month or so.

The Academy owes its very existence as well as its constitution to David. Together with Professor Kam Louie, then Dean of Arts at the University of Hong Kong, he first conceived the idea of a Humanities Academy in Hong Kong, and then brought it into existence. He wrote the constitution himself and worked tirelessly on the legal, financial and administrative procedures necessary to bring it into existence.

His enthusiasm, energy and commitment are an example to us all. His contribution to the cause of the Humanities in Hong Kong was immense.

Note: An obituary for David will be published on this website in the near future.