First Asian to receive health informatics award

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Retired professor Lun Kwok Chan is the first Asian and the first Singaporean to win the International Medical Informatics Association (Imia) Francois Gremy Award of Excellence .

He has received the very award he gave out 13 years ago - the first time the award was given out as the highest international honour for health informatics.

Health informatics is a discipline that deals with the use of info-communications technology in healthcare.

The Imia Award of Excellence was first given out in 2004. It was named after Prof Gremy after his death in 2014.

The 70-year-old started out as a medical statistician, teaching medical statistics and promoting the use of computers in medicine at the National University of Singapore.

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Imia is an independent association for health and biomedical informatics. It brings together constituent organisations and their members to discuss and improve healthcare worldwide.