

AKM was born in Hong Kong into a family with a history of three generations of medical doctors. He was to continue this trend. He entered the University of Hong Kong at the age of 16 and continued his studies in the USA where he graduated as a Bachelor of Science (cum laude) majoring in Microbiology in 1957 at the University of Southern California. From there he became the first foreign born Chinese student to be admitted to the USC School of Medicine but he decided, instead, to continue his post graduate studies at McGill University in Montreal where he was in a selected field of 100 students chosen from some 1500 applications. He graduated in 1961 with the degrees of Master of Surgery and Doctor of Medicine.

He began practicing medicine in Hong Kong in 1962 during the times of political unrest in both Hong Kong and in China. In 1967 he emigrated to the USA and started practicing in Maryland before moving to California where he continued to practice for the next 20 years. Dr. Woo has always been a keen ornithologist and he has spent many years studying the subject. He has also travelled to many countries to further educate and enhance his knowledge of this subject.

His other major hobby and passion is, of course, philately. He started collecting stamps in 1945 soon after the liberation of Hong Kong from the Japanese occupation and he has never stopped. Stamps were somewhat on the back burner during his university years and it was often hard for him to find quality time to spend on his hobby during his many years of medical practice. It was not until his semi-retirement around the early 1990's period that he felt he was able to devote the necessary time and effort to seriously work on his philatelic collections and it was during this period that he started to attend stamp shows, philatelic functions and society events whenever he could.

He was first invited to show some of his collection by the Head Postmaster at a special exhibition organized by the Hong Kong Post Office in 1988 and he has subsequently shown material by special invitation at many Exhibitions and in many Courts of Honour around the world. A table listing these exhibitions is included at the end of this book. He has written articles on his special interests for stamp magazines and society journals in several parts of the world.

He joined the Royal Philatelic Society of London in 1994 and soon became a Fellow of that Society. In 2002 he was invited by the Royal Philatelic Society to mount a display of his "traditional style" collection of classic stamps of the world that featured birds as the main design subject. The result was a truly fascinating array of rare and unusual material from many different countries of the world spread over some 600 plus exhibit pages.

He has exhibited collections in many cities and locations around the world: In the order of first appearances these are Hong Kong, Singapore, Jakarta, London, Monaco, Tel Aviv, Johannesburg, Melbourne, Nuremburg, Madrid, Brussels, Tokyo, Lubin, Geneva, Copenhagen, Seoul, Nicosia, Bangkok, Valencia, Fremantle, Sydney, Brno, Malaga, Asuncion, Bucharest, Prague, Vienna, Luoyang, Sofia, Rome, Antwerp, Paris, Jerusalem, New Delhi, Hannover, Milan, Rio de Janeiro and Adelaide with all the above named venues being well interspersed by over a dozen different cities in the U.S.A.

His major awards include the Champion of Champions Award at the APS Stampshow in Atlantic City in 2002 and a Grand Prix National at the FIP show in Melbourne in 2013. At the time of writing these notes he has 12 different active collections that have won International Gold Medals and 8 different active collections that have won International Large Gold Medals.

Around 2015 a beautiful hard-bound book was published illustrating his many collections and personal favorite worldwide rarities he has acquired over many years. The book sold out almost immediately. Just after the publication of his book, he completely withdrew from public life and is not in contact with the philatelic world. There has been no further news.

Date	Exhibit Title	Award Achieved	City of Exhibition
1988	Birds	Certification	Hong Kong PO
1994	Birds in Philately	GOLD	Hong Kong
1994	Birds Rarities	Large Vermeil	Singapore
1995	Guatemala Small Quetzals	Large Vermeil	Jakarta
1995	Guatemala Small Quetzals	GOLD	Singapore
1995	The Early Bird	GOLD	Singapore
1996	Western Australia	SPECIAL GOLD	"Anphilex, NY"
1996	Nicaragua	SPECIAL GOLD	"Anphilex, NY"
1997	The Early Bird	GOLD	"Pacific '97, San Francisco"
1997	Birds of the World	SPECIAL GOLD	"Claridges, UK"
1997	Guatemala Small Quetzals	SPECIAL GOLD	"Claridges, UK"
1997	Western Australia	GOLD	Milwaukee
		+ Reserve Grand	
1997	Nicaragua	GOLD	Milwaukee
1997	Colombia	GOLD	New York
		+ Reserve Grand	
1997	Mexico	Vermeil + Felic.	New York
1997	Western Australia: Inv. Frame	Certification	Monaco
1998	Birds Classics	SPECIAL GOLD	London
1998	Rare 20th Century Bird Items	SPECIAL GOLD	London
1998	Nicaragua Postal History	GOLD + SP	San Francisco
1998	The Early Bird	GOLD + SP	Tel Aviv
1998	Corrientes	GOLD	Santa Clara
1998	Nicaragua	GOLD + Felicitations	Johannesburg
1999	USA: 1869 Triple Combination	Certification	Monaco
1999	Western Australia	LARGE GOLD + SP	Melbourne
1999	Colombia	Large Vermeil	Melbourne
1999	Nicaragua	Large Vermeil	Nuremburg
1999	Birds of the World	SPECIAL GOLD	"Claridges, UK"
1999	Corrientes	SPECIAL GOLD	"Claridges, UK"
1999	Bueno Aires	SPECIAL GOLD	"Claridges, UK"
1999	Bueno Aires & Cordoba	GOLD	Cleveland
2000	Western Australia	GOLD	F.I.P. 2000 London
2000	Nicaragua	Court of Honour	Anaheim
2000	Bolivia	GOLD	Providence
2000	Nicaragua	LARGE GOLD	F.I.P. 2000 Madrid
2000	Switzerland: Basle Dove Cover	Certification	Monaco
2001	Guatemala Revenues	Vermeil + SP	San Francisco
2001	Nicaragua	LARGE GOLD + SP	Brussels
2001	Nicaragua	LARGE GOLD + SP	Tokyo
2001	The Early Bird	GOLD	Tokyo
2001	Western Australia Stationery	GOLD + SP	Chicago
2001	Colombia End of 1st page	GOLD	Chicago
2001	Nicaragua	LARGE GOLD + SP	Lubin

2001	Classic Rare Bird Stamps	Certification	Geneva
2001	Argentinian Provincial Issues	GOLD	Copenhagen
2002	Birds Classics	RPSL Medal	RPSL London
2002	Western Australia (To C. of C.)	GOLD	San Francisco
		+ Grand Prix	
2002	The Early Bird	LARGE GOLD	Seoul
2002	Bolivia	GOLD	Seoul
2002	Western Australia	GOLD	Atlantic City
		+ Championship GP	
2002	Guatemala Small Quetzals	GOLD + SP	Atlantic City
2002	Western Australia Stationery	GOLD	Philadelphia
		+ Reserve Grand	
2002	Colombia	GOLD + SP	Nicosia
2002	Western Australia Stationery	GOLD + SP	Nicosia
2002	Nicaragua: 4-Colour Franking	Certification	Monaco
2003	The Early Bird	Special Trophy	Sarasota
2003	Guatemala Revenues	GOLD + SPs	San Francisco
2003	Provincial Issues of Argentina	GOLD	Columbus
2003	Western Australia: Inverted Frames	Court of Honour	Bangkok
2003	Bolivia	LARGE GOLD	Bangkok
2004	Nicaragua: British P.O.	Vermeil	"Norfolk, VA"
2004	Nicaragua	GOLD	New York
		+ Reserve Grand	
2004	Paraguay	GOLD + SP	San Francisco
2004	Guatemala Small Quetzals	GOLD	Valencia
2004	Zeppelin 1932 & 1933 Flights	GOLD	Sacramento
2004	Provincial Issues of Argentina	GOLD	Singapore
2004	Western Australia	Court of Honour	Fremantle
2005	Nicaragua	Court of Honour	Sydney
2005	Western Australia	LARGE GOLD + SP	Sydney
2005	Colombia	GOLD	Brno
2005	Zeppelin LZ127 & LZ129 Flights	Vermeil	Grand Rapids
2005	Mexico	Vermeil + SP	Grand Rapids
2006	Nicaragua	Court of Honour	Saint Louis
2006	Zeppelin LZ127 & LZ129 Flights	Vermeil + SP	San Francisco
2006	Western Australia: Inverted Frames	Court of Honour	Washington
2006	China: Red Revenues	Court of Honour	Washington
2006	Bermuda: Perot Cover	Court of Honour	Washington
2006	India: Inverted Head	Court of Honour	Washington
2006	The Early Bird	GOLD	Washington
2006	Mexico	GOLD	Chicago
2006	Provincial Issues of Argentina	LARGE GOLD	Malaga
2006	Nicaragua: British P.O. End of 2nd page	Vermeil	Brussels

2007	Paraguay	GOLD	Asuncion
2007	Bolivia	GOLD + SPs	"Portland, OR"
2008	Bolivia	GOLD	San Francisco
2008	Colombia	LARGE GOLD	Tel Aviv
2008	Guatemala Revenues	GOLD	Bucharest
2008	Guatemala Small Quetzals	GOLD	"Hartford, CT"
2008	Mexico	GOLD	Prague
2008	Paraguay	GOLD	Prague
2008	Western Australia Stationery	LARGE GOLD	Vienna
2008	Nicaragua	LARGE GOLD + SP	Los Angeles
2009	Mexico	GOLD	"Luoyang, China"
2009	Provincial Issues of Argentina	GOLD	San Francisco
2009	Zeppelin 1933 5th Flight	Large Vermeil	Sofia
2009	Costa Rica	GOLD	Pittsburg
2009	USA - The 1869 Issue	LARGE GOLD	London
2009	Buenos Aires	LARGE GOLD	London
		+ Grand Prix	
2009	Zeppelin 1933 5th Flight	Vermeil	Rome
2010	Provincial Issues of Argentina	LARGE GOLD + SP	Antwerp
		+ GP Nomination	
2010	Western Australia Stationery	LARGE GOLD	F.I.P. 2010 London
2010	Western Australia Stationery	LARGE GOLD	Paris
2010	The Early Bird	GOLD	"Richmond, VA"
2010	Nicaragua: British P.O.	GOLD	"Richmond, VA"
2010	Costa Rica	GOLD	London
2010	Guatemala Small Quetzals	GOLD + GP	London
		Best Multi Frame	
2010	Provincial Issues of Argentina	LARGE GOLD + SP	Johannesburg
		+ GP Nomination	
2010	Nicaragua	LARGE GOLD + SP	Johannesburg
2010	Mexico	GOLD	Jerusalem
2010	Guatemala Small Quetzals	LARGE GOLD + SP	Jerusalem
		+ Grand Prix	
2011	Guatemala Small Quetzals	GOLD	New Delhi
2011	Costa Rica (To C. of C.)	GOLD + SP	San Francisco
		+ Grand Prix	
2011	Paraguay	GOLD	Columbus
2011	Costa Rica	GOLD	Columbus
		Championship Class	
2011	French Colony Eagles	LARGE GOLD	London
		+ Grand Prix	
2011	Costa Rica	LARGE GOLD + SP	Hannover
		+ Grand Prix	
2011	USA - The 1869 Issue	LARGE GOLD	Hannover
2012	French Colony Eagles	GOLD	San Francisco
2012	Mexico	GOLD	Jakarta
2012	Cook Islands End of 3rd page	GOLD	Sacramento
2012	USA - The 1869 Reissues	GOLD	Sacramento

2012	Mexico	LARGE GOLD	London
2012	USA - The 1869 Reissues	GOLD	London
2013	Bolivia	LARGE GOLD	Milan
		+ Grand Prix	
2013	Paraguay	GOLD + SP	San Francisco
2013	Western Australia	LARGE GOLD + SP	Melbourne (F.I.P.)
		+ Grand Prix (F.I.P.)	
2013	Provincial Issues of Argentina	LARGE GOLD + SP	Melbourne (F.I.P.)
2013	Mexico	LARGE GOLD	Bangkok
		+ GP Nomination	
2013	Paraguay	LARGE GOLD	London
2013	PSNC	GOLD	London
2013	Western Australia	LARGE GOLD + SP	Rio de Janeiro
2013	USA - The 1869 Issue	LARGE GOLD	Rio de Janeiro
2014	USA - The 1869 Issue	GOLD + SP	San Francisco
2014	Paraguay	GOLD	Seoul
2014	Costa Rica	LARGE GOLD	Seoul
2014	USA - The 1869 Issue	GOLD	"Hartford, CT"
2014	USA - The 1869 Issue	LARGE GOLD + Grand Prix	London
2014	Guatemala Revenues	LARGE GOLD	Adelaide
2014	French Colony Eagles	LARGE GOLD + SP + Reserve Grand	Adelaide
2015	Nicaragua Postal History	GOLD	San Francisco
2015	Bolivia	LARGE GOLD	London 2015
2015	Guatemala Small Quetzals	GOLD	London 2015
2015	Paraguay	GOLD	Singapore
2015	USA - The 1869 Issue	LARGE GOLD + Grand Prix	Gotha
2015	Buenos Aires	LARGE GOLD	Gotha
2015	Guatemala Small Quetzals	LARGE GOLD + Grand Prix	London