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Professor Chao-Long Chen is a pioneer liver transplant surgeon who performed the first successful liver transplantation in Asia in 1984, and by 2022, has accomplished 2200 more. He obtained fellowship training in liver transplantation under Professor Thomas Starzl at the University of Pittsburgh, USA. He is a recipient of various honors and distinctions, both locally and internationally. He became Professor of Surgery in 1993 and was subsequently bestowed with honorary PhD and professorship by acclaimed international universities. In 1994, he performed the first LDLT in Taiwan and was bestowed with the National Award for Outstanding Contribution in Science and Technology in 1995. He did the first split liver transplantation in Asia in 1997 and started the adult LDLT in Taiwan by 1999. Further, he performed the first dual graft LDLT in Taiwan in 2002, pioneered routine microsurgical biliary reconstruction in the world in 2006, and performed Taiwan's first segment 2 monosegment LDLT in 2013. He was bestowed Distinguished Service Award of the International Liver Transplantation Society in 2019. He was Superintendent of the Kaohsiung Chang Gung Memorial Hospital from 2003 and became Superintendent Emeritus since 2015. He has published more than 500 SCI-cited scientific articles, lectured in more than 500 international and overseas congresses, and has trained more than 400 fellows and observers from all across the world. He serves as associate editor of the American Journal of Transplantation and editorial board of Annals of Surgery among other high ranking scientific journals. He was elected as Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering in 2007 and as President of the International LDLT Group in 2020-21. He remains director of one of the leading global centers in LDLT.

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