

Statement on English writing

I was born in Hong Kong and educated in English which was the only official language in what was a British Colony.

I won the school prize in English and the first prize of the British Empire Society Essay Competition, Hong Kong section, in 1952, beating all the native English-speaking competitors in Hong Kong.

All my academic contributions were reported to top medical journals in English. I just want to mention one example.

Leung JSM, Mok CK, Leong JCY, Chan WC. Syphilitic aortic aneurysm with spinal erosion – treatment by aneurysm replacement and anterior spinal fusion. **Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery** 1977; 59-B:89-92.

This paper was accepted by the world's top medical journal in orthopedic surgery, not only on the merits that it was reporting on the world's first successful operation of its kind but also because it was written with a standard of English that required no revision or correction.

During the period 1972-1977 I founded the "Proceedings of the Hong Kong Cardiological Society", and remained its chief editor for 5 years. (It is now renamed "Proceedings of the Hong Kong College of Cardiology.")

Now, in my retirement, I am still a member of the Editorial Board for the Hong Kong Medical Association CME Bulletin. I have no need to submit any writing for publication, but I still sometimes respond to less established journals struggling to gain recognition and gave them a helping hand. As evidence, I enclose a recent certificate of award in appreciation of my reviewer's contribution to one of the journals that I have assisted.

I understand that BPG aims at a very high standard of English, but I believe I have met such standard.

