



## Mississauga Legends Row

# 'Dr. Smile' tireless volunteer

### Class of 2013: Dr. Joseph Wong

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Dr. Joseph Wong is teaching the world to smile.

He's well-known as the founder and team leader of Smile China. The



**Dr. Joseph Wong**

project is a collaboration of members of the international medical community, governments, companies and volunteers who travel to rural areas of China to provide surgical repairs to those living with cleft lips and other

palate issues. Project officials say these conditions are treatable, but they typically aren't in rural China due to lack of money and medical resources.

Wong, 58, served as president of the Canadian Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and was one of the founding directors of the International Federation

of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He's also the founding chair of the Pan Asia Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and a long-time staff surgeon at Credit Valley Hospital, where he was named physician of the year in 2005.

He's also worked with the Toronto Canadian Chinese Artists Centre, the Chinese Cultural Centre Greater Toronto and the Mississauga Board of Chinese Professionals and Businesses.

### The lowdown

- is an award-winning flautist
- earned humanitarian of the year award in 2007 from the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- served as governor at Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation and Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care