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Sydney's 'Dr Rock' recognised for services to law, medicine, community

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Sydney doctor Ian Chung has been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day honours list for services to the law, to medicine and to the community.

Beside his practice as a GP, Dr Chung has a masters degree in psychiatry and has worked to help the homeless and those with alcohol and drug-related problems.

In his community work, he attends Charles Chambers Court, a Mission Australia aged-care facility. He was a doctor at Campbell House, Sydney City Mission, for 30 years from 1975. He also worked at the William Booth Institute of the Salvation Army and in remote NSW where mental health services were lacking.

He is the co-ordinating councillor of LawCare, a service of the NSW Law Society, where his role is to help lawyers stressed by their arduous work. He is also on the management committee of the Lawyers Assistance Program. He was a lecturer at the College of Law for 15 years.



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He has been a member of the NSW Medical Board and a peer reviewer for the Health Care Complaints Commission.

He was appointed to the NSW Medical Board that drafted the Medical Act of 1992, then a peer reviewer for the Health Complaints Commission involved in many Medical Tribunal actions, including supervision of doctors at the tribunal's direction.

He also lectures at the College of Hypnosis.

From his Darlinghurst practice, he treated celebrities such as Michael Parkinson, Pink, Sting, Mick Jagger, Bono, Tina Turner, Johnny Cash, Kurt Cobain, Liza Minnelli, Sammy Davis jnr, Frank Sinatra and Raquel Welch, leading to the moniker "Dr Rock". He toured Australia with the Rolling Stones as their doctor in the early '70s.

"I have had a very fortunate life to have arrived in Australia from Japanese occupied Hong Kong in 1945, aged 7, never having never been to school," he said.

"The OAM was a complete surprise and perplexed me until I reflected that it wasn't about me but about the work and people I have worked with.

"I am grateful that Australia has given me such extraordinary experiences. It's truly the land of opportunities."



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Dr Ian Chung, left, with Mick Jagger during a Rolling Stones tour.