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Andrew van Hasselt is an Otologist of international acclaim with an abiding interest in hearing restoration. He has played a vital leadership role in disseminating surgical expertise in otology. He is passionate about the integration of academic and clinical experience and is widely recognized for innovation in his field.

Professor van Hasselt joined the Faculty of Medicine at CUHK in 1985, and established the Division of Otorhinolaryngology for the Department of Surgery providing specialist services to the community together with undergraduate and postgraduate educational programmes for the Faculty. Under his leadership, the division evolved to become a full academic Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery in 2007, providing a complete range of modern services for the New Territories East Region of Hong Kong with a population of 1.3 million. He is currently the department chair. Professor van Hasselt also steered the establishment of the CUHK Jockey Club Minimally Invasive Surgical Skills Centre in 2005, which is the first and one of the largest multi-disciplinary surgical skills centres in the Asia Pacific region. He currently chairs the Executive Board.

Professor van Hasselt is devoted to research, integrating academic and clinical experience while promoting academic exchange and contributing to the regional and international arenas. He is an active advocate in minimally invasive surgical techniques in ear, nose and throat, particularly in endoscopic sinus surgery and lasers in the airway. In 1993, he developed and introduced the 'Hong Kong Flap', a technique of reconstructing radical mastoid cavities. The technique is now widely adopted internationally. He is also the founder and chairman of the Hear Talk Foundation, a registered non-profit charitable organization, promoting service and research for people suffering from hearing and communicative disorders in mainland China and Hong Kong.