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Peking Union Medical College (PUMC), China, was the fourth medical school in China, established in 1902 under the supervision of British medical missionary, Chalmers Balfour. It was the first medical school in China in which degrees were awarded in English. The staff of the college was largely comprised of British and American-trained physicians who had received their medical training in the United States or the United Kingdom. Many of the early instructors and administrators came from Western countries, and the college was initially known for its strong emphasis on Western medical education. However, over time, the college gradually incorporated traditional Chinese medicine into its curriculum.

BRIEF HISTORY OF PUMC

The college was founded in 1911 as a joint venture between the Chinese government, the British Medical Mission, and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. It was established in the former residence of the British Embassy in Beijing and originally opened with 90 students.

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Peking Union Medical College (PUMC) ranks among the top ten medical schools in China. It is known for its strong medical education and research, and is home to many highly regarded departments, including the Ophthalmology Department.

The Ophthalmology Department at PUMC was established in 1928, and has since become one of the most prominent departments in the country. The department is known for its research in various areas of ophthalmology, including vision science, ocular genetics, and ophthalmic oncology.

Through the years, the department has produced many distinguished ophthalmologists who have made significant contributions to the field. Among these include Prof. Li Xinghua, who is currently the dean of the Ophthalmology Department at PUMC.

The department is also home to the Ophthalmic Institute of PUMC, which is dedicated to the study of eye diseases and the development of new treatments. The institute is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and is home to a team of highly trained researchers and clinicians.

The department is also committed to providing high-quality care to its patients, and has established a number of partnerships with hospitals and clinics across China to provide access to the latest medical technologies and treatments.

The future of the Ophthalmology Department at PUMC is bright, and the department is poised to continue making significant contributions to the field of ophthalmology.