

Honorary Fellow A Citation



Dr Lee Shau Kee, DBA, DSSc, LLD

Dr Lee Shau Kee has an immense reputation as a highly successful businessman not only in Hong Kong but also in the international arena of high commerce. A native of Shunde in Guangdong, the young Lee Shau Kee came to Hong Kong in 1948, and all by himself created great wealth and a formidable business empire, as he partook of Hong Kong's progress to economic wonders and helped to perpetuate her growth and development over these years.

Dr Lee is the founder of Henderson Land Development Company Limited and has been at its helm as Chairman and Managing Director since 1976. He also holds the chair or directorship of a number of leading enterprises here, being the Chairman and Managing Director of Henderson Investment Limited, the Chairman of Henderson Cyber Limited, the Executive Director of Henderson China Holdings Limited, the Chairman of The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited, a Vice-Chairman of Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited, and a Director of Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited, the Bank of East Asia Limited, and the Miramar Hotel and Investment Company Limited.

Dr Lee is a businessman of superlative wisdom and foresight, much admired by others for the judiciousness of his decisions. Modest and generous by nature, he is also a man of his words to the letter. These fine gifts have enabled him to enlist the service of the best talents. His contribution to Hong Kong's economic growth and educational advancement aside, Dr Lee is also an ardent supporter of educational and cultural activities both in China and abroad. In 1975 he instituted the Lee Shau Kee Scholarships at Wadham College, Oxford, which over the years have enabled a good number of outstanding students from Hong Kong to pursue higher education at Oxford University. In 1982 he set up the Pei Hua Education Foundation in collaboration with his friends. The Foundation has played a very significant role in the promotion of professional education in China and those who have benefited from its support over the past two decades are now too many to be enumerated.

Dr Lee's heart is tied to his native place of Shunde. He is a Life Honorary President of the Shun Tak Fraternal Association in Hong Kong, and he has generously endowed schools, hospitals and sports centers in the prefecture. His munificence and concern for his fellow countrymen have earned him the Honorary Citizenship of the cities of Shunde, Guangzhou, Foshan and Beijing in 1999. In the shaping of Hong Kong's future after 1997, Dr Lee served as a Hong Kong Affairs Adviser, and a member of both the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Selection Committee for the First Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government. He also sat on the Election Committee for the Ninth National People's Congress. He was presented with the Businessman of the Year award by *Asiaweek* in 1995, and in 1996 and 1997 he was named by *Forbes* as the fourth wealthiest man in the world, and the wealthiest in Asia.



The Chinese University of Hong Kong has been fortunate in having Dr Lee Shau Kee as a staunch supporter and frequent donor for a quarter of a century. Since 1977 Dr Lee has been a member of the Advisory Board of the Three-year MBA Programme (which was reconstituted as the Advisory Board of the MBA Programmes in 2000), and he has been a Trustee of United College since 1988. Dr Lee's generous donations to the Chinese University over these years have facilitated many research and training programmes. In 1991, he endowed the Yale-CUHK Programme for Chinese Studies with a grant of US\$3 million for intensive research on Southern China. The endowment has provided for doctoral scholarships and senior research fellowships as well as specially endowed chairs. It has also enhanced library acquisitions on the subject and facilitated academic conferences. On a broader plane, the endowment has helped to encourage cooperation between Yale and the Chinese University, and promote the understanding of Southern China among the professional and business communities in Hong Kong. As a means to sustain a collaborative approach to development between Hong Kong and the Southern China region, the beneficial effect of Dr Lee's gift continues to be felt.

In more recent years Dr Lee founded the Union Hospital to provide quality treatment and health care to the sick. The Hospital has joined hands with the Faculty of Medicine of the Chinese University in the establishment of two innovative specialist clinics, and this adds fresh laurels to Dr Lee's career as a leading philanthropist.

As we have noted, Dr Lee's name has won wide respect all over the world. He was made an Honorary Fellow of Wadham College, University of Oxford, and presented with an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Business Administration by the University of East Asia in 1987, and an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Social Science by this University in 1993. In 1997 and 1998 he was admitted to honorary doctorates at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and The University of Hong Kong respectively. Mr Chairman, in recognition of his significant contribution to the economic development of Hong Kong, China and the Asia-Pacific Region, and of his tremendous support for the education of the young, I present Dr Lee Shau Kee for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.