

# Honorary Fellow A Citation

## Mr Chan Wai-man Raymond

The *Taishigong Preface* of Sima Qian's masterpiece *Shiji* says: 'Amongst the 28 constellations there is the North Star. Extending from the axes of the wheels there are 30 rods of wood. The circular motions of both constellations and the rods of wood never stop. Together they resemble a group of trustworthy and competent ministers tirelessly serving the kingdom with dedication and faithfulness.' The passage vividly portrays the group of virtuous officials rotating around their master, just like the constellations circulating around the North Star. They never stop so that the North Star will shine forever, with its rays incessantly lighting up mankind.

Born and schooled in Hong Kong, Mr Chan Wai-man Raymond pursued further studies in the UK, where he got his Bachelor of Arts (Hons) degree and then Bachelor of Architecture (Hons). He was admitted as member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and also that of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects. He is also a registered architect under the Architects Registration Board in the UK and Hong Kong. After returning to Hong Kong from the UK, Mr Chan first worked in an architectural firm but joined Shaw Brothers (Hong Kong) Limited in 1994. He was put in charge of the planning and construction of a number of buildings of the group, including, among others, the Shaw Studios, the TVB City and the Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital in affiliation with the School of

Medicine of Zhejiang University. Mr Chan's exceptional talent and managerial skill were witnessed by many in these projects. During all his years with the Shaw Group, Mr Chan worked earnestly and diligently. He was bold in taking up responsibilities and always ready to offer a helping hand to those in need. During his decades of service at the Shaw Group, he boasted success after success in all the projects under his supervision, thereby helping the conglomerate maintain continuous progress in business. His abilities and achievements earned him the trust of both Sir Run Run Shaw and Lady Mona Shaw, who always called on his service whenever important and strategic projects were in the pipeline. A close friendship thus developed between the Shaw couple and Mr Chan. They respected and understood each other, and also treated each other with great frankness. Starting from 2012, Mr Chan has become a member of the Board of Advisors of The Sir Run Run Shaw Charitable Trust. From December 2017 onwards, he has assumed the role of Managing Director of 54 local and overseas companies under the Shaw Group. He was also appointed Chairman of The Shaw Foundation Hong Kong (Shaw Foundation) and The Shaw Prize Foundation. Currently he is a member of the Board of Trustees of Shaw College, CUHK, an Honorary Trustee of Peking University (PKU), and member of the Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum. From 2003 to 2016, he was a member of the Governing Committee of the Tsueng Kwan O Hospital.

The Shaw Foundation was set up by Sir Run Run Shaw in 1973, the aim of which is to support the development of education, medicine, and innovative science and technology. As Chairman of the Foundation, Mr Chan helps give out numerous donations and render assistance to the needy and the underprivileged. The goodwill of the Foundation reaches far and wide. Throughout the years, the regions benefited from the Foundation include mainland China, Hong Kong, Asia and countries in Europe and America. Since 1985, the Foundation has been continuously donating funds in China for the advancement of education, the aggregate sum of which amounting to over five billion Hong Kong dollars. Buildings that are named after Sir Run Run Shaw sprouted up all over China. The Foundation also generously donated funds for the construction of two hospitals affiliated respectively to the School of Medicine of Zhejiang University and the Nanjing Medical University, both named Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital. The aim is to improve the medical facilities in mainland China for the benefit of the people. In recent years, other mainland projects that have benefited from the Foundation include: the setting up of the Sir Run Run Shaw Education Fund at PKU, the aim of which is to support PKU's construction and development of its Life Sciences Research Institute. The Foundation also supports the further development of the affiliated Children Hospital of the School of Medicine of Zhejiang

University. Since Mr Chan has assumed the chairmanship of The Shaw Foundation, he has loyally adopted the philanthropic spirit of the Shaw couple. The Foundation has never stopped donating generously to education, medicine and innovation technology. With the experience gained from the education system of Europe, Mr Chan provided funding through the Foundation for the development of STEM education in Hong Kong schools. The Foundation also helped set up the first non-profit-making private school in Hong Kong that incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) into its syllabus. Mr Chan's indefatigable zeal for innovation and technology education means that for many years the Foundation has made substantial donations to that end. His effort in fostering the philanthropic spirit of the Foundation indeed draws admiration from all.

In 2002, The Shaw Foundation, at the wish of Sir Run Run Shaw, set up the Shaw Prize, which has become one of the most widely acclaimed awards in the world. The three prizes to be awarded are: Astronomy, Life Science and Medicine, and Mathematical Sciences, each bearing a monetary value of US\$1.2 million. Individuals receiving the Prize are those who have made significant contributions in furthering social progress, enhancing the quality of life, and enriching the spiritual civilization of the human race. The Shaw Prize started giving out awards in 2004.

As Chairman of The Shaw Prize Foundation, Mr Chan is dedicated to upholding the primary objective of the Foundation, which is to give out awards to acknowledge scientific advances that will benefit mankind. Every year, he spends considerable time taking part in the nomination and review process of the Shaw Prize. He has always given his meticulous attention to, and demanded perfection in, the process. Thanks to his efforts, the recipients of the Shaw Prize are invited to the University campus to deliver the Shaw Prize Lecture series, so that staff and students of the University, and the community at large, can share the insights of these eminent scholars in their respective fields. Mr Chan would come to the campus to attend the lectures. Under the honorable name of Run Run Shaw, the academy gate of the Shaw Prize is open to, and its scholarly bells chime for, Hong Kong and the world at large. For the good deed of Mr Chan through the Shaw Prize, all staff and students of the University are most grateful.

Both Sir Run Run Shaw and Lady Mona Shaw had had a long and delightful relationship with the University which exceeded half a century. Starting from 1967, Sir Run Run had begun donating generously to the University numerous times, supporting a great number of development projects, a shining example of which is the donation in 1986 of HK\$110 million for the establishment of the fourth constituent College of CUHK:

the Shaw College. This was the largest single amount ever donated to a local academic institution at the time. In addition, The Shaw Foundation funded the construction of the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall and various other teaching buildings on the University campus. In 2011, Sir Run Run and the Foundation donated some ordinary shares of the Television Broadcasts Limited designated for the long-term development of the University as well as for the setting up of scholarships and bursaries for Shaw College. In recognition of the generous donations, the staunch support and invaluable advice of Sir Run Run for over half a century, the University held in July the same year a naming ceremony for the Run Run Shaw Science Building on campus. On that day, Mr Chan, representing the Foundation, presided over the ceremony. The design of this centralized laboratory building is characterized by the undulating curve of the southern façade of the building, which resembles the gentle rising and falling of waves. The multi-colour pattern of the façade is inspired by the periodic table of chemical elements. The funding support for this project has aptly highlighted the Foundation's significant contributions to scientific research. The Run Run Shaw Science Building has since become one of the landmarks of the University campus. Towards the end of 2012, Mr Chan was instrumental for yet another sizable donation from the Foundation in support of the setting up of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen.

This campus in Shenzhen has a great impact on, and carries a profound meaning for, the development of the University.

In the *Book of Han* authored by Ban Gu, there is a saying: 'The wise king awaits the righteous and able officials to help him achieve spectacular successes. The brilliant officials await the sagacious king to underscore their virtuousness and integrity.' Mr Raymond Chan could aptly be portrayed as the 'brilliant official' of the Shaw couple. His contributions to society are numerous, and the achievements through his efforts are excellent, to say the least. Mr Chairman, let us today pay tribute to the most trustworthy 'virtuous official' and a loyal member of the Shaw Group, who does his best to realize the kindness and goodwill of the Shaw couple. Mr Chairman, it is my great pleasure to present to you Mr Chan Wai-man Raymond for the Honorary Fellowship.