

Honorary Fellow A Citation



Dr Wang Cheung Tze, Charles, HonDBA Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres

For over forty years Dr Wang Cheung Tze, Charles has had an illustrious career in the international film industry. His company, Salon Films, has serviced most of the major films produced by Hollywood and elsewhere with Far Eastern locations. The company's credits include *The World of Suzie Wong*, *Noble House*, *Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story*, shot in Hong Kong, *Rambo III*, in Bangkok, *Delta Force II*, in Manila, *Shogun*, in Tokyo, *Red Violin* in Shanghai and *Indiana Jones* in Macau. Dr Wang has close connections with leading international film directors, actors and producers and has been able to use Hong Kong's central position in the region to pave the way for major film productions in Hong Kong. These films have played a significant part in promoting Hong Kong to the world. Recognizing his importance in this field, the Hong Kong Government has used Dr Wang's company for many years as its main film contractor in all areas of public relations promotions.

For all his contacts in the glamorous world of international cinema, Dr Wang remains close to his roots in Hong Kong. In particular, his education at Chung Chi College made a deep impression on him. He studied Chemistry, but some of the most valuable lessons he gleaned from his Chung Chi education were those that instilled team spirit and the importance of helping others. These ideals shaped his whole life and provided the foundation for his career. They proved especially useful when, following a brief spell as a part time TV cameraman for Rediffusion, while gaining his diploma, Dr Wang applied to join the Government Information Services (GIS). He attributes his acceptance as an Information Officer, and his accelerated promotion thereafter, to the varied skills he acquired along with his diploma from Chung Chi, not least of which was his talent for communication.

After eight important years in GIS, Dr Wang joined his father's business, Salon Films. He expanded the company, bringing to it new ideas and some of his former colleagues at the GIS. His government experience and contacts enabled him to negotiate permissions and to organize all logistics for international filmmakers to shoot in Hong Kong. These filmmakers were quick to appreciate his skill and importance on the Hong Kong scene and throughout the region. In fact his contributions to the international film industry have won him recognition and honours well beyond Hong Kong. In 1996 he became a Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres of France; and a Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration and Management, *honoris causa*, from Southern California University for Professional Studies.

Dr Wang has been a loyal supporter of his alma mater, Chung Chi College of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, where he has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1990. On the College's significant anniversaries he has sponsored the video-production of "An Introduction to Chung Chi College," as well as various photo exhibitions. His pride in Chung



Chi College can be seen in a pair of photographs he took from similar angles, one in 1960, the other in 2004, showing the College's spectacular growth in these years. For many years Dr Wang has been a sponsor of the College graduation photos and since 1999 has donated the Chung Chi Scholarships for Excellence. He has also been a Mentor to Chung Chi students since 1999, sharing his valuable insights and experience with them.

Dr Wang has played a significant role in the University Convocation, as a member of its Standing Committee and convening its Fundraising Subcommittee for several years. He has initiated and led a number of highly successful fundraising events, such as charity movie shows and round-the-campus walk. One of his most successful projects was raising funds for a state-of-the-art cardiac ultrasound imaging machine for the Chinese University Medical School. On discovering that Hewlett Packard made the most technologically advanced machine, Dr Wang was able to use his long-established business connections with the company to negotiate a very special price, closing off a donation worth many millions of dollars to the University.

Dr Wang has made many contributions to the Hong Kong community. He has played leading roles in the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association, the Community Chest of Hong Kong, as well as the Film Services Advisory Committee. He has also been a member of the Fundraising and Promotion Committee of the Agency for Volunteer Service and the Sub-Committee on Promotion and Publicity on Volunteer Service of Social Welfare Department.

One of Dr Wang's deepest beliefs is in the importance of education. He makes sure all his employees have access to professional development training, and one of his great sources of satisfaction is that his children have been well educated.

Mr Chairman, Dr Charles Wang is an outstanding member of the film industry and a distinguished alumnus of Chung Chi College and it is my honour to present him to you for the award of an Honorary Fellowship.

This citation is written by Professor David Parker