

Honorary Fellow A Citation



Mr Ho Man Sum

Mr Ho Man Sum is a veteran educationist and a publisher of considerable achievement. He is the Executive Director of Mill and Dales Press Limited, the Success Publisher, and the Chi Wai Publishing Company Limited, and a Director of the Education Foundation of the Federation of the Alumni Associations of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Limited, and the non-profit Dominic and Savio Education Organisation Limited. Over the years he has made significant contributions to both educational and publication enterprises in Hong Kong, winning the appreciation and applause of the community at large.

Mr Ho read Economics at United College, and was in 1957 among the College's first graduates. His great passion for the alma mater was expressed in immediate action after graduation, when he took it upon himself to organize the college alumni association. Half a century later he is still a stalwart of the association, taking up positions of key responsibility. In 1993 he was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the College and began to participate in its governance. Some time later he was elected as a Member of the College's Endowment Fund Committee, and since 2002 he has been the Convenor of its Fund Raising Sub-Committee. He generously lent his business acumen to the Committee's operation, proposed worthy strategic plans and initiated a series of fund raising events which have proved extremely beneficial to the College's various development projects. Mr Ho is a man of great benevolence and his personal givings are many and substantial. He has established a good number of scholarships and bursaries at United College, including the Ho Man Sum Distinguished College Service Award, the Ho Man Sum Prize, the Lo Wong Kit Wah Memorial Prize, the Ho Man Sum Outstanding GEU0411 Project Award, and the Ho Man Sum Ming De Xin Min Alumni Scholarship. He is also a Member of the Coordinating Committee of the College's Mentorship Programme.

Within a few years of the establishment of The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1963, the alumni associations of the foundation colleges pooled their resources in a spirit of unity, in order to develop, to consolidate and to serve the community; these efforts eventually led to the formation of the Federation of Alumni Associations. Mr Ho was at the forefront of these efforts and set himself to building bridges and creating networks. In 1978 the Federation came into being, and Mr Ho sat on its governing body as the Principal Representative of the United College Alumni Association for over 20 years. He was re-elected as Principal Representative term after term, for a total of 19 terms. Today he still serves the Federation as a Member of its Representatives Council. He is much admired for his capabilities and leadership, and the ability to produce great results in the projects under his care. Since the establishment of the Convocation of The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1993, Mr Ho has been on its Standing Committee, and an active member of the Convocation's Fund Raising and Education Sub-Committees.

The Federation of Chinese University Alumni Associations was formed chiefly to advance



the cause of services to the community. Over the years the objective has focused on educational enterprises. In 1982 The Education Foundation of the Federation of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Alumni Associations Limited (later renamed The Education Foundation of the Federation of the Alumni Associations of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Limited) was established. Mr Ho took part in its undertakings with the greatest enthusiasm, and schools that bore his stamp as a planner include the The Federation of Alumni Associations of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Thomas Cheung School, the Thomas Cheung Secondary School, the Thomas Cheung Kindergarten, the Chan Chun Ha Secondary School, and the Chan Chun Ha Kindergarten. He is currently the Chairman of the Fund Raising and Development Committee of the Federation. He is a Manager of the Chan Chun Ha Secondary School, the Thomas Cheung School and the Thomas Cheung Kindergarten, and an Honorary Manager of the Thomas Cheung Secondary School and Chan Chun Ha Kindergarten.

As an alumnus of the Chinese University, Mr Ho sees it as a moral responsibility to be of service to the alma mater. He realises that for CUHK alumni to show their collective strength, it is important for them to be united. Hence he has always taken alumni liaison work as his first priority. As the chief editor of the quarterly alumni magazine for United College, he took the initiative to connect with graduates of the College who have settled down in the United States and Canada, thereby vastly extending the College alumni network over a relatively short period of time. In order to provide facilities and equipment for elementary schools in underprivileged regions in the Mainland, Mr Ho launched the Xiaobiandan Operation for educational aid. He worked on his own and, using his extensive networks, has effectively introduced the project to alumni all over the world. His fund raising efforts met with tremendous support and donations have since been pouring in continuously from overseas. With his expertise in publishing, Mr Ho helped alumni in eastern United States to launch a book titled *Our New York Experience: Voices from the CUHK Alumni* in the year 2000. In May 2006, he brought out a similar publication, *CUHK Alumni in San Francisco Bay Area*, for alumni in western United States initiated in 2004. Proceeds from the sale of both titles have all been credited to the Xiaobiandan Operation. His wish is to contact more Chinese University graduates in other overseas countries and to continue the compilation and publication of anthologies of alumni works, so as to manifest the CUHK spirit and to enhance resources for charitable causes.

Since leaving United College in 1957, Mr Ho Man Sum has always had *Ming De Xin Min*, the College Motto, on his mind. His love and passion for his alma mater has not changed in half a century. He is genuinely committed to the cause of the Chinese University and the welfare of the community, and his participation in alumni work and in the educational activities carried out in the name of the alumni associations, is selfless and without reproach. A man of admirable wisdom and solid reputation in Hong Kong, Mr Ho Man Sum is an outstanding alumnus of United College. Mr Chairman, may I present Mr Ho Man Sum for the award of an Honorary Fellowship.