Dr Samuel Kam 甘尚武 1915 - 2017
(BA 1938)

Dr Kam, a distinguished graduate, passed away in March 2017 at the age of 101. Raised in Hong Kong and admitted to HKU in 1934, Dr Kam joined the war of resistance against Japanese in Chongqing, China’s wartime capital, after graduation. He became the secretary of Minister Chen Jitang 陳濟棠, who was known as “the Celestial King of the South” 南天王. After the war, Dr Kam obtained his master’s degree from the University of California, Berkeley. He was then invited to be the chief engineer of the Singaporean palm oil company Lam Soon and since then helped build the palm oil industry of Malaysia.

Dr Kam was president of the HKU Alumni Association, Malaysia between 1990s and 2008. He played a key role in connecting the alumni in Malaysia with HKU and contributed to the admission scheme of Malaysia students into HKU. Dr Kam has always got a strong affection and loyalty to HKU. At the age of 91, he flied from Malaysia to Shanghai to attend the Global Alumni Convention. He was also one of the most senior alumni at the HKU Centenary Gala Dinner in 2011 when he was 96 years old.

“Samuel was born in the middle of World War I in 1915 and, 96 years later, is still around to comment on where the world should be going ... His was a success story for me to tell the HKU students. He has married his Chinese upbringing at home to the Oxbridge-imperial education at HKU. Through his familiarity with both traditions, plus the dynamic methodologies of Berkeley California, he moves easily from Confucian aphorisms to describing the applications of modern science.”

Professor Wang Gungwu 王賡武 Vice-Chancellor, HKU (1986-1995)
Chairman, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore

Dr Kam published his memoirs in Chinese 《世紀巨變九十回顧 – 從陳濟棠秘書到執掌大馬南順》 in 2007 and in English: "Through Wars and Peace, From the gunfire of the Sino-Japanese War to the golden oil of Malaya" at the age of 96. In the memoirs, he reminisced about the defining narratives of his time: the second Sino-Japanese War, World War II, and the Chinese Civil War, and how, through wars and peace, he had survived the changing times.

甘尚武先生一直心繫母校，擔任港大馬來西亞校友會會長，更於2005年底親自率領二十多位馬來西亞校友回港探訪母校。告別母校數十年後，大家一起回到校長府邸，暢論母校過去、現在與未來，尤其是港大今天在亞洲的角色。

甘先生對社會及民生的關懷早萌芽於他的大學年代，1937年，他參加港大學生會的大陸觀光團而身在內地，親歷「七七事變」，自此他立下決心，在大學畢業後回到內地參與抗戰工作，也展開了他充滿傳奇的一生。

當年甘先生在港大入學試的成績名列榮譽榜，並獲得大學四年的學宿費全免獎學金。聖約翰堂 (St John’s Hall) 的宿舍生活、學院的導師制，甘先生印象猶新。甘先生描述當年晚上常參加學者講座，如英國的文學家與戲劇家蕭伯納 (George Bernard Shaw)、中國北京大學的胡適、日本社會學家真川豐彥 (Toyohiko Kagawa) 的講座等。他告訴我們這便是港大傳統——思想自由、互相尊重、個性的充分發展、君子儒雅的形塑、寄宿制度培養自立。”

徐立之教授
香港大學校長 (2002 - 2014)
Dr Too Chee-cheong  杜志昌 1924 - 2017  
(MBBS 1953)

Dr Too Chee-cheong passed away in August 2017 at the age of 93. Trained as a physician, Dr Too was talented in various art forms, including poetry, music and architecture, although he received no formal training in any of them. His translations of Tang and Sung poems into English earned him a medal and citation for “Excellence in Poetry” at the 15th World Congress of the Poets of the United Poets Laureate International in 1997. He also built and designed his dream house, “The Retreat” (心遠居), with assistance from architects including his best friend Andrew Lee 李景勳 (BArch 1956). In 2008, Dr Too composed a song dedicated to Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in which he expressed his pride and joy for his ancestral homeland.

Dr Anita Li 李陳瓊芬 1930 - 2017  
(PhD 1971)

Dr Li, Psychology graduate and a retired lecturer, passed away on August 18, 2017. Anita was born in Hong Kong, the daughter of Admiral Sir Andrew Chan Chak, KBE, and his wife Leung Sui-chee. In 1957, Dr Li was appointed Lecturer (Child Development) at HKU at the age of 26, one of the first women to secure this post. Later, she worked as a Part-time Lecturer (Education), and an Honorary Senior Lecturer (Psychology) between 1979 and 1980.

She was also the first person to obtain a PhD in the Faculty of Social Sciences. As a researcher, she was passionate about the importance of play to child development. And, as the first Chinese-speaking child psychologist, Dr Li contributed to a ten-country, cross-cultural research project on systems of meaning. Her many publications focused on the socio-emotional needs of children, including studies of gifted children which earned her a Mensa award for research excellence. One of her final publications is a much-cited early contribution to the study of bullying.
In Memoriam

You are a giant, a legend, and your legacy lives on

Professor Sir David Todd 達安輝 1928 – 2017
(MBBS 1952; MD 1958; HonDSc 1992)

- Pro-Vice-Chancellor (1978 – 1980)
- Sub-Dean of Medicine (1976 – 1978)
- Head of the Department of Medicine (1974 – 1989)
- Emeritus Professor (1994 – 2017)
- Founding President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and the Hong Kong College of Physicians

Professor AJS McFadzean, the first Professor of Medicine after the Second World War had the wisdom and foresight to recognise David’s remarkable potential as a leader in the medical profession, a dedicated teacher, and a promising researcher. His assessment of David was based not only on his intelligence and application but also on his personality, integrity, and loyalty. Not surprisingly, in due course David also became his successor.

Professor Rosie Young 楊紫芝
(MBBS 1953; MD 1959; HonDSc 1995)
Emeritus Professor, HKU

David was one of HKU’s greatest ambassadors to the university world and the most highly respected medical teacher and scholar I have ever known. We shall all miss him greatly.

Professor Wang Gungwu 王賡武
(HonDLitt 2002)
Vice-Chancellor (1986-1995)

Sir David was an icon, a role model, a gentleman and a scholar. He was also a wonderfully warm human being. His legacy will live forever in Hong Kong. May he rest in peace.

Professor Peter Mathieson 馬斐森
President and Vice-Chancellor

“My happiest university days were spent as a Morrisonian.”

His dedication, vision and tenacity towards his fellow Morrisonians laid a strong foundation for Morrison Hall to grow and excel. As Chairman of the Hall Club in 1949-50, he led Morrison Hall to champion vigorously its sporting prowess at inter-hostel sports competitions. Morrison Hall has since been known for sportsmanship and solidarity within the University, and both remain core values of the Morrisonian Spirit to this day.

Morrison Hall, HKU
Sir David was the noblest of role models: a true gentleman, scholar, clinician-scientist and above all a kind teacher and friend to those who had the good fortune of knowing him and whose lives had been immeasurably enriched by his being. He was a healer of diseases, patients and society writ large.

I can think of no other medical practitioner in recent memory, here or elsewhere, who personified so fittingly the values and virtues to which we all aspire – of wisdom, compassion and commitment. Sir David was, in every sense, a great doctor and a great human being. He will be so very dearly missed by us all.

Professor Gabriel Leung 梁卓偉  
(MD 2003)  
Dean of Medicine

A Pioneer, Iconic Teacher and Revered Mentor

His remarkable legacy will carry on through the Paul and Margaret Todd Scholarship for Medical and Nursing Students named in memory of his parents, and the David Todd Professorship in Medicine established by his students and friends. His legacy will endure.

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再見了，慈祥的巨人醫生伯伯。

你教出很多好醫生們。港大的教授們，奮力救了垂危爺爺一命，醫術、醫德、愛心全備，令我十分尊敬醫生這專業。雖然，一個普通市民從沒見過你，但是，在你的學生身上，我們見到你。將來，我希望能夠作港大醫科生的大體老師，作為回應。

Kate Chang

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