It is with deep great sadness that we report the deaths of two of our most distinguished alumni. Dr Li Shu-pui passed away on August 31, 2005 at the age of 102, and his wife, Dr Ellen Li, passed away on June 2, 2005 at the age of 96.

Dr Li Shu-pui was a 1928 MBBS graduate of the University. He was elected as director of the Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital in 1929 and served there for more than 70 years. In 1930 he became the first graduate from the University to be awarded a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.

Dr Li was Chairman of the Board of Governors of Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation. Since its inauguration in 1963, the Foundation has generously donated to the Faculty of Medicine of HKU. In recognition of its philanthropy, a building at the medical campus was named after the Foundation. This building was inaugurated in 1964 and the Fan Pui Garden at the new Faculty of Medicine Building was inaugurated in 2002. Dr Li was awarded Honorary University Fellowship in 1998.

Dr Ellen Li founded the Hong Kong Chinese Women’s Club in 1938. In 1966 she became the first woman to serve as a member of the Legislative Council. She was conferred with an honorary Doctor of Laws by the University in 1969. It was awarded in acknowledgement and appreciation of her lifelong commitment to public service and the advancement of women’s rights in Hong Kong.

Dr and Mrs Li made immense contributions and services to the community. They will be dearly missed by all whose lives they touched.

“To provide a fertile ground for the talents of surgery to take root, blossom and bear fruit, and to advance the frontiers of surgery for the good of mankind.”

The Li Shu Pui Endowed Professorship in Surgery 明德教授席 - 李樹培基金教授（外科）is established by Dr Wallon Li Warkat, son of Dr Li Shu Pui and a group of 12 doctors who have either a close personal or professional association with Dr Li. A dedication ceremony was held on December 20, 2005 at the Fan Pui Garden. (Front, from left) Mrs Gladys Goh Lo, Mrs Marion Goh Tsoo, Professor Lap-chee Tsui, Dr Walton Li, Professor Richard Yu, Dr Tsao Yen-chow. (Back, from left) Dr Chan Chorman, Dr Stephen Wu, Professor Yuen Kwok-yung, Mr Richard Lo, Dr Donald Yu and Dr Tse Tok-fu.
Professor Wang Daohan 汪道涵教授
(Hon LLD 2002)

"... Wang Daohan crosses the boundaries between past and present, east and west, fully showing the breadth of his historical vision, the magnanimity of a great statesman and the quality of heart and mind of a true global citizen... In working indefatigably to bring the citizens of China closer together and closer to their leaders, in fostering relations between different Chinese communities, and in bringing China closer to the world and the world closer to China, Wang Daohan is indeed Pontifex Maximus, the master bridge-builder," extracted from the citation of the 164th Congregation held in Shanghai in 2002, at which Professor Wang received the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, from the University.

The University is deeply saddened by the demise of Professor Wang Daohan on December 24, 2005.

Dr Pang Teng-cheong 彭定祥 (MBBS 1941; MD 1959)

Dr Pang passed away on October 30, 2005, at the age of 87, in Toronto, Canada.

He was born and brought up in Penang, Malaysia. He came to HKU to study Medicine on a Hutchin's Scholarship and resided in Eliot Hall. A pioneer in Forensic Pathology in Hong Kong, Pang started the Department of Forensic Medicine in Hong Kong. He had also been a lively and inspiring teacher at HKU for 27 years. He was awarded OBE in 1969. He retired in 1973 and became Director of Family Planning Association, before emigrating to Canada in 1978.

The University family will always be proud of his exemplary attainments and contribution.

Mrs Harriette Yapp
黃瑞桃 (BA 1957)

Mrs Yapp, formerly Senior Lecturer in the Department of Education within the Faculty of Arts, passed away on October 9, 2005, at the age of 83.

While a student at HKU, she was president of the HKU Women’s Association. She joined the University as a Lecturer in 1961 and became a Senior Lecturer in 1977. Unfortunately in that year she suffered a debilitating stroke and had to step down from her duties at the University in 1978.

Mrs Yapp will be dearly missed by her colleagues and students and fondly remembered for her kindness and lovely personality.

Mrs Edith Yuen
江文鴻 (BA 1940)

Our senior alumna Mrs Edith Yuen passed away in the summer of 2005. Edith and her sister Margaret 江緞雲 (BA 1940) were amongst the first group of female graduates of HKU. They were daughters of the late Mr Kong Sui-luey, whose estate donated funds to build a wing of the Robert Black College on the main campus. The building was named after Mr Kong.

Mrs Edith Yuen was dedicated to education. She will be fondly remembered by her students at St. Paul's Convent School and those who knew her.