Professor Dafydd Emrys Evans

Professor Dafydd Emrys Evans, the founding Dean of HKU Law Faculty, passed away in England on April 1, 2006. Professor Evans first came to Hong Kong as a visiting teacher at the Department of Extra-Mural Studies in HKU. He joined the University full-time in January 1986 and served as the Dean of Social Sciences from 1967 to 1968. He was appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor in 1971, a position he held for the next six years.

Returning to his full-time duties as a law teacher, Professor Evans was Head of the School of Law from 1978 to 1984 and Dean of the newly established Law Faculty from 1984 to 1987. He also served the University with distinction as Public Orator.

“A legal system is only as good as the personnel who serve it and we have the duty of ensuring that those entering the profession, whether as private practitioners or in the public sector, sitting on the bench or choosing to become law teachers, are educated to standards of excellence in the great traditions of the common law.”

— Professor Dafydd Evans wrote when he assumed the Deanship in 1984

Dr Raymond Wu 鄭維庸 (MBBS 1963)

Dr Raymond Wu, National People’s Congress Hong Kong deputy and Basic Law Committee member, passed away on October 2, 2006 at the age of 69.

He was a respected cardiologist and a pioneer in local public health education and psychiatric treatment. He served as president of both the Physicians Society and the Hong Kong Cardiological Society. From 1984 to 1988, he served as president of the Hong Kong Medical Association.

He founded the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association in 1965 for the practice of community psychiatry. Dr Wu’s work in health education led to the creation of the Hong Kong Heart Foundation.

In 1985 he was appointed by the Chinese government as a member of the Basic Law Drafting Committee. His service to the community was honoured with an OBE in 1997 and the Gold Bauhinia Star (GBS) in 2001.

Professor Evans must take much of the credit for setting up the law School and planning the introduction of the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) programme with the late Professor Peter Willoughby. His contributions to legal education rightly gained him the award of an OBE. He was deeply respected by his colleagues, members of the legal profession and his students.

“For what Dafydd accomplished for the University and the law profession, the whole of Hong Kong has good cause to be grateful.”

— Dr Rayson Huang, Vice-Chancellor (1972-1986)

“Many generations of law students will not have forgotten his dire warning on the first day of his class: ‘Look to the right, look to the left. One of you will not be here next year.’ In those days the discontinuation rate was disheartening, if not also horrifying. Dafydd made no apology for setting high standards.”

— Professor Johannes Chan, Dean of Law

“Dafydd was a man of great vision; a man whose skills and gifts were easily recognised by those who came into contact with him.”

— Alan Howard Smith, Lecture of Law Faculty (1969-1973)
Dr George Ma 馬家駒  
(BScEng 1938)

Dr George Ma passed away peacefully on August 25, 2006.
Dr Ma studied at the University in the 1930s and lived in Lugard Hall. After graduation, he obtained an apprenticeship with Metropolitan Vickers, which later became the Associated Electrical Industries. He worked as its Regional Representative in charge of the Far East for some time. He and his family was later relocated to Manchester and lived there for 34 years. By then, his company was taken over by General Electric Corporation. He worked at the main office in Wythenshawe till his retirement.

He returned to Hong Kong in 1999 when he was 84. He visited the University on several occasions, including attending prize-giving ceremonies. He took great pride in returning to his alma mater and enjoyed speaking to new graduates as one of the oldest alumni of the Faculty of Engineering.
Clement Siu 邵和德 (BScEng 1978)

Clement Siu peacefully passed away on May 2, 2006. Over his 28 years’ service in the construction industry, Ir Siu was a highly respected member of the engineering profession in Hong Kong and overlooked major construction projects in Hong Kong. In 2003, he joined the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation, firstly as construction manager for the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line, then moving on to become project manager for the Kowloon Southern Link. Ir Siu was a keen supporter of alumni activities and, in 2004, he represented the Civil Engineering class on the Organising Committee which arranged his graduating class’ silver jubilee celebrations.

Jane Law 罗凯燕 (BA(ArchStud) 1978; BArch 1981)

Jane Law, a distinguished architect and urban planner, passed away peacefully on May 4, 2006. Jane’s architectural career included participation in the winning design of the “Academy for the Performing Arts” and in the prestigious “Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre” project. Jane also served at the Land Development Corporation (later known as the Urban Renewal Authority) where she served for 17 years until 2005, when she left to pursue her interests in drama.

Dr Richard Ch’i 齊智達 (MBBS 1966)

Dr Richard Ch’i passed away on May 18, 2006 at the age of 77 after a courageous battle against cancer. In University Hall, he was affectionately known as “老柴” (the Old Log). He was the Chairman of University Hall Alumni Ltd during 1996-98, and had done a lot to promote the welfare of U Hall students and the activities of U Hall alumni.

He was a humble, caring and above all, highly effective, medical practitioner and well regarded by both his parents and fellow doctors.

As well summed up by a friend at Richard’s funeral: “Richard was such a good doctor and man — he made many friends his patients and patients friends.”

A dear friend and friendly doctor indeed. He will be missed by many, many.

by Kenneth Si 詩海華 (LLB 1980; PCLL 1981)
Past Chairman, University Hall Alumni Ltd.

Henry Leung 梁耀祖 (LLB 1996; PCLL 1997)

Central and Western District Councillor Henry Leung passed away on March 25, 2006. Mr Leung was a solicitor and was elected as councillor for Central and Western District in 2000 — the youngest district councillor at the time — and then re-elected in 2004. Affiliated with the Democratic Party, he was also a member of the Central and Western Fight Crime Committee and the Sheung Wan and Sai Ying Pun Area Committee.

Legacy of Professor Eric Lye Lives On

HKU’s Emeritus Professor Eric Lye, who passed away in 2003, was recently remembered at a ceremony to mark the publication of his last book which was published posthumously.

The book launch on July 29, 2006 was organised by HKU SPACE, where Professor Lye was Director of Studies (Architecture & Interior Design) from 2000 until his passing. The day also marked the beginning of an exhibition of works of HKU SPACE architecture students, some of whom were Professor Lye’s former students.

The book Manuel Vicente: Caressing Trivia is Professor Lye’s tribute to Portuguese architect and long-time friend Manuel Vicente, who has also been an HKU Honorary Professor since 1968.

During his 23 years’ association with HKU from 1976 to 2000, Professor Lye received numerous honours and awards for his teaching and works. When honoured by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) in 1998, Professor Lye was lauded for “his distinguished leadership and contributions to the architectural profession in Hong Kong.”