Former top government official Yeung Kai-yin passed away on February 9, 2007, at the age of 65.

After joining the government in 1962, Mr Yeung took up 22 various posts during his 31 years with the civil service. He was appointed Secretary for Education and Manpower in 1989 and two years later he was the first Chinese person to be appointed Secretary for the Treasury. His last position was Secretary for Transport, a post he held until retiring from government in 1993.

Mr Yeung was Chief Executive of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation from 1996 to 2003 and Chairman till the appointment of Michael Tien in 2001. He was also named Chairman of Vocational Training Council in 1998.
Professor Samuel Yen

Born into a medical family in Beijing, Professor Yen was accepted into Chee-Loo University as a pre-med student. He continued his education at HKU, followed by residencies at Queen Mary Hospital and Tsan Yuk Hospital. He completed his residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital and undertook a fellowship at Harvard Medical School.

In 1970 he was recruited by UCSD, where he was Chair of the Department of Reproductive Medicine, Chief of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology, and holder of the WR Persons Endowed Chair in Reproductive Medicine. He retired from UCSD in 2000. His book on Reproductive Endocrinology is a classic text read by all in the field.

Professor Yen was the first Aw Boon Haw Visiting Professor at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, HKU, in 1979 and trained many endocrinologists, including Professor Christina Wang, Dr David Anderson and Professor Grace Tang.

His many awards and honours include the Rhône-Poulenc Rorer Clinical Investigator Award by the Endocrine Society, the Distinguished Achievement Award by the American Fertility Society, and the Simpson Medal by the University of Edinburgh.

Professor Peter Lisowski

Professor Peter Lisowski was Chair of Anatomy and Head of the Department of Anatomy at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) School of Medicine, passed away in La Jolla, California on December 26, 2007. He was 79 years old.

Professor Peter Lisowski passed away peacefully in Tasmania on January 11, 2007 at the age of 85.

Professor Lisowski was Chair of Anatomy and Head of the Department of Anatomy from 1969 to 1983, and had been Emeritus Professor since 1984. He introduced the teaching of radiological anatomy and played a leading role in setting up an anatomy course for dental students in 1982.

His department was one of the first to receive Mainland academics for training when China introduced its “Open Door” policy towards the end of the 1970s.

After retiring from HKU, he took up a part-time teaching position with the Department of Anatomy at the University of Tasmania. Professor Lisowski remained active after his retirement proper in 2000, publishing several books — including a new edition of his anatomy book, which was released just a few days after his death.

Dr Yu Chiu-kwong

Dr Yu Chiu-kwong passed away peacefully on November 25, 2006.

Dr Yu graduated in 1929 with an MBBS and went on to serve with distinction as a doctor for the underprivileged community of Yau Mau Tei. He also served as the Medical Superintendent of Kwong Wah Hospital during the post-war years.

On his 101st birthday in May 2006, his family created the Yu Chiu Kwong Professorship in Medicine at HKU to honour the qualities of empathy, commitment and humility he demonstrated in serving thousands of patients throughout his career.

The legacy of commitment and compassion of Dr Yu towards his patients also lives on in his four sons—all HKU alumni, all doctors and all Morrisonians.