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when it generates knowledge, pushes the boundaries and enlightens minds, upholds justice and relieves suffering.

The University of Hong Kong has established an enduring legacy of excellence through the generosity of the community.

The pioneering spirit of these supporters is meritorious. Their actions are testimonies of their personal beliefs in a better tomorrow for the world.
Endowed Professorships

In 2005, the University celebrated the inauguration of eight Endowed Professorships, a milestone in the University’s history.

On April 17, 2007, we proudly celebrated a further 18 Endowed Professorships.

The goal is to establish a total of 100 endowed professorships by 2011 to coincide with the celebration of the University’s 100th anniversary.

An “Endowed Professorship” is one of the most significant awards bestowed upon eminent academics within the University. A donation of $10M (minimum) is matched by the University dollar for dollar to create a perpetual endowment of at least $20M for teaching and research in a designated discipline.

The Endowed Professorship therefore represents a long-term commitment of the University in supporting areas of academic significance.

An impartial Advisory Committee to the Vice-Chancellor oversees the policies and procedures of the appointment of Endowed Professorships:

Dr Raymond K F Ch’ien 錢果豐博士 (Chairman)
Professor Y K Cheung 張佑啓教授 (until October 21, 2007)
Dr York Liao 廖約克博士 (effective October 22, 2007)
Professor Felice Lieh-mak 麥列菲菲教授
Dr Eden Woon 翁以登博士
明德教授

Chinese calligraphy courtesy of Professor Sin Chow-yiu 翁偉棟教授
The Faculty of Science enjoys an excellent reputation for research, both in Hong Kong and throughout the wider Asian region. Its excellence in basic research is complemented by its emphasis on applied and strategic research.

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“The vast treasure store of Buddhist texts has much to offer human civilisation. One way of exploring the timeless wisdom of the Buddha is through the study of these texts, and Glorious Sun is honoured to have the opportunity to contribute.”

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“Basic research at the interface of chemistry and biology offers great promise for drug discovery, yet requires significant amounts of R&D funding. The generosity of Dr Gerald L Chan and the Morningside Foundation allows us to pursue some of the most exciting and challenging projects in chemical biology,” Professor Yang said.
Professor Albert Hung-yee Chen has served as both Head of the Department of Law, from 1993-96, and Dean of the Faculty, from 1996-2002.

His main areas of research include constitutional and legal issues arising from ‘One Country, Two Systems’ and the interface between the Mainland and Hong Kong legal systems.

“The study of constitutional law is particularly important in Hong Kong because of the special constitutional framework of ‘One Country, Two Systems’. Its success depends largely on the implementation of Hong Kong’s Basic Law; the study of which has been one of the traditional strengths of our Faculty. The present endowment is a boost to our morale, encouraging and impelling us to do even better in future,” Professor Chen said.

“The rule of law is central to the teaching and research conducted by the Faculty. As one of the most prestigious law faculties in Asia its reputation extends across a broad range of disciplines to include commercial and corporate law.

The convergence of Hong Kong’s economy with that of the Mainland’s has provided the Faculty’s corporate and commercial researchers with unique opportunities to inform, debate and influence legal developments on both sides of the border.

Professor Philip St J Smart has established a worldwide reputation as a leading international corporate law scholar. He specialises in international corporate insolvency and restructuring law, and has published extensively in this area in leading international journals.
Austrian economist Ludwig von Mises once said, “Economics deals with society’s fundamental problems,” and it is true that no serious centre of learning can afford to forgo a good economics department.

The University of Hong Kong has taken this sentiment to heart, establishing a long tradition of teaching and learning in economics. This has duly contributed to the development of the economy of Hong Kong.

Professor Wing Suen graduated from HKU in 1985, and obtained his Doctorate degree from University of Washington in 1988. He returned to his alma mater in 1989 and is currently Chair of Economics at the School of Economics and Finance.

His research focuses on applied microeconomic theory and he has worked on efficiency and early contracting in two-sided matching markets. One of his current research areas explores the transmission of information across individuals with divergent beliefs and motives.

The Faculty of Business and Economics plays a unique role in contributing to the study of finance and its importance to China.

Professor Eric C Chang is the Director and Chair of Finance of the School of Business, Director and Founder of the Centre of Financial Innovation and Risk Management, at The University of Hong Kong, and a visiting Professor at Fudan University of Shanghai.

His research covers international finance, capital asset pricing, derivative securities, risk management, behaviour finance, and mutual fund management and he has recently focused on the impact of short-sale constraints on asset prices. Studies by his team have offered valuable empirical evidence and theoretical insight into the heated international debate on this controversial regulation.

"Our endowment is made to remember my late father, Henry G Leong, for his keen interest in economics to promote the welfare of all mankind."

"Every successful society can attribute its achievements to two cornerstones: economics and finance. By supporting these two critical areas, I can give back and contribute to the continued advancement of society."

"成功的社會，倚仗經濟及金融兩大基石。我願支持這兩個領域，以回饋社會。"

Mr Chung Kin-kwok
鍾健國先生

Mr Sydney S W Leong
梁紹榮先生，代表梁顯利興業有限公司

Wing Suen
Henry G Leong Professor in Economics
孫永泉
梁顯利基金教授（經濟學）

Eric C Chang
Quoin Professor in Finance
張介
國之基金教授（金融學）
Serving the poor, the sick, the elderly and disadvantaged is Professor Cecilia L W Chan’s mission in life. It is her conviction that social workers should be committed to justice and the improvement of life quality for the community in which they work.

The Centre on Behavioral Health provides a holistic approach to the promotion of mental, emotional and behavioural welfare, and aspires to achieve international recognition in this increasingly important field.

A HKU graduate, Professor Chan has participated in front-line social work service, emphasising the importance of integration between teaching, research and practice innovation.

“There is an urgent need for Hong Kong to build itself into a mature and harmonious society. Towards that end, we have to make a sustained effort to expand our knowledge horizon and to continually seek new advancements in the field of health and social work, with the aim of improving and enhancing the quality of life in our society.”

“香港極需建設成為一個成熟而和諧的社會。我們必須持
續努力，拓展知識領域，不斷發展健康及社會工作學科，
以提升香港的生活素質。”

Dr Thomas T T Chen
Chairman, Si Yuan Foundation
陳增燾博士
思源基金主席

The study of medicine at this University enjoys a long and illustrious history covering, as it does, a broad range of areas - from cardiology to family medicine, neurology to dermatology and molecular medicine to medical physics. Fourteen divisions make up the Department.

A graduate of this University, Professor Lai Kar-neng is Head of the Department, and Chief of Service of the Hong Kong West cluster hospitals, specialising in the area of internal medicine, clinical immunology and nephrology (renal medicine). His research interests focus on the pathophysiological mechanisms of selected diseases. He has made important new findings on the pathogenesis and treatment in IgA nephropathy, hepatitis-related nephritis, lupus nephritis, and peritoneal membrane dysfunction in peritoneal dialysis.

“I hope the Endowed Professorship will continue to support the very high standard of research and teaching, thus nurturing young talent who will be the scientists, teachers and leaders of future generations.”

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科學家、教師和領袖。」

Dr Yu Chiu-kwong
on his 101st birthday
余朝光醫生，
寫於一百零一歲壽辰

Cecilia L W Chan
Si Yuan Professor in Health and Social Work
陳麗雲
思源基金教授 (健康及社會工作學)

Lai Kar-neng
Yu Chiu-kwong Professor in Medicine
黎嘉能
余朝光基金教授 (內科)
The Eye Institute is a research and teaching Department that promotes eye care services to the wider community, through Queen Mary Hospital.

The basic research undertaken by the Institute is supported, and nurtured, by the Department of Anatomy, and operates in collaboration with several areas, including neuroprotection, gene therapy, and retinal and stem cell transplants.

This year Professor David S H Wong joined the University’s Medical Faculty as Chair Professor of the Eye Institute, from the University of Liverpool in the United Kingdom.

His research focuses on proliferative vitreoretinopathy – the most common complication of a retinal detachment - and macular degeneration and their pathogenesis and he is conducting clinical trials of surgery with adjuvant therapy and developing new surgical techniques and tamponade agents.

“Endowed Professorships will encourage medical teaching, research and development.”

Dr Mok Hing-yiu

Over the last 120 years the Department of Medicine has played a crucial role in the health of Hong Kong’s population. Amongst the Department’s fourteen divisions is the Division of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine.

Professor Lam Wah-kit is Division Chief and Chair of Respiratory medicine. A graduate of the University, he is recognised as an international authority on lung cancer which remains the commonest cause of cancer deaths in men and women in Hong Kong. He is perhaps best known for identifying the high incidence of adenocarcinoma in non-smoking Chinese women as a special clinical problem.

When Professor Lam reported this problem in the 1980s it drew the attention of the international chest community. He established a multi-disciplinary group which pioneered studies into the effects of passive smoking, incense burning and kerosene stove burning.
The Department of Social Work and Social Administration, established in 1950, is one of the best professional social work schools in Asia. And in a Hong Kong Economic Journal survey, HKU graduates were ranked top in overall performance among local social work institutions.

The Train the Trainers programme is a major objective of the Henry G Leong Programme, led by Professor Nelson W S Chow. An alumnus himself, Professor Chow has been Chair Professor in Social Work & Social Administration since 1991. His major research interests are in the social welfare and social security issues concerning the young, the elderly, local families and new migrants.

“I took the donation as a recognition of what we have been working hard to do in the Department, namely to train quality professional social workers and to advocate for the welfare of the underprivileged,” said Professor Chow.

Nelson W S Chow
Henry G Leong Professor in Social Work and Social Administration
周永新
梁顯利基金教授（社會工作及社會行政學）

Keith D K Luk
Tam Sai-kit Professor in Spine Surgery
陸瓞驥
譚世傑基金教授（脊柱外科）

“This Endowed Professorship is particularly meaningful to me. Not only is it a wonderful tribute to my father, Henry G Leong, it will also improve the services for Hong Kong’s elderly citizens through the creation of a training programme for elderly care workers.”

Mr Edwin S H Leong
梁紹鴻先生

“This is a pleasure to support my alma mater in this way. I know my gift will fund important research which may one day bring relief to many. It will also help to make sure that the Medical Faculty maintains its tradition of success in research and teaching and allow it to achieve even greater accomplishments.”

Dr Tam Sai-kit
譚世傑醫生

The Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology is well known for its research and innovation in spinal surgery and HKU graduate Professor Keith Luk Dip-kei is an internationally recognised leader in the area of Spine Surgery. He is currently Chair Professor and Head of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology.

“The Endowment Professorship acknowledges the importance of this field of research and illustrates the perpetual support of the benefactor in the further pursuit of excellence by the teacher and the University,” he said.

“The endowment will enable me and my team to conduct further research in the management of degenerative spine diseases, in particular intervertebral disc transplantation and regeneration. I look forward to this becoming the treatment of choice for back and neck pain.”

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For 120 years the Department of Surgery has been inexorably linked to the health of Hong Kong and the education of the territory’s elite surgeons.

Professor Stephen W K Cheng graduated from HKU in 1984, and took up his present position as Chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery and Director of the Francis Y H Tien Vascular Disease Centre and the Vascular Laboratory in 1992. He is currently Professor of Surgery.

His main interest is in Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Treatment of occlusive and aneurysmal diseases. In establishing a renowned unit, and the first non-invasive Vascular Laboratory at Queen Mary Hospital, Professor Cheng has played a crucial role in the evolution of Vascular Surgery in Hong Kong.

“There can be no greater gift than one given for the betterment of humankind. It is my wish that this endowment will give rise to innovative research that helps to shape the future of vascular surgery which is a technically demanding and vital surgical specialty.”

『沒有什麼捐贈可以媲美造福人類的捐贈。血管外科在外科手術中，要求精細，舉足輕重。我希望這項捐贈，有助血管外科創新研究，塑造未來。』

Ms Serena H C Yang
楊雪姬女士
The following Endowed Professorships represent new ventures in academic development. They are to be filled by incumbents in the near future.

**Tung Lin Kok Yuen Professorship in Buddhist Art and Culture**

“The Buddhist teaching is wondrously profound and art is a universal form of expression. We believe that the value of Buddhist art as a direct inspiration of wisdom and compassion could well serve humanity.”

Tung Lin Kok Yuen

**Paul K C Chung Professorship in Jurisprudence**

“We build now for the future of those who come after us.”

Mr Paul K C Chung

**Kerry Holdings Professorship in Commercial Law**

嘉里基金教授席（商業法）

**Quoin Professorship in Economic Development**

“Every successful society can attribute its achievements to two cornerstones: economics and finance. By supporting these two critical areas, I can give back and contribute to the continued advancement of society.”

Mr Chung Kin-kwok

**Li Shu-pui Professorship in Surgery**

“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.”

Dr Chan Chor-man
Dr Gladys Goh Lo
Dr Marion Goh Tsao
Dr Hui Wai-mo
Dr Lai Kin-ming
Dr Richard Lo

In memory of Dr Li Shu-pui

**李樹培基金教授席（外科）**

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The founding of The University of Hong Kong itself in 1911 was made possible through the generous donations of many individuals and corporations. Not long afterwards, in 1919 the Taikoo Professorship of Engineering was established, the first endowed chair at the University. This initiated a legacy of excellence through the establishment of other professorships over the years.

1. Taikoo Professorship of Engineering
   Francis Y L Chin

2. Sir Robert Hotung Chair of Mechanical Engineering
   Appointment to be announced

3. Sir Y K Pao Chair in Public Law
   Hurst Hannum

4. Redmond Chair in Civil Engineering
   Joseph H W Lee

5. Hui Wai-ha-an Chair of Chemistry
   Che Chi-ming

6. Sun Hung Kai Properties Professorship in Business
   Michael J Enright

7. Sir David Todd Professorship in Medicine
   Annie W C Kung

8. Sun Chieh-yeh Chair of Hepatobiliary Surgery
   Fan Sheung-tat
Endowed Professorships
presented in 2005

9 William M W Mong Professorship in Cardiology
   Lau Chu-pak

10 Hon-yin and Suet-fong Chan Professorship
    in Chinese
   Sin Chow-yiu

11 Philip K H Wong Wilson K L Wong Professorship
    in Electrical Engineering
   Felix F Wu

12 Rosie T T Young Professorship in Endocrinology
    and Metabolism
   Karen S L Lam

13 Simon K Y Lee Professorship in Gastroenterology
   Appointment to be announced

14 S H Ho Professorship in
   Haematology and Oncology
   Raymond H S Liang

15 Chin Lan-hong Professorship in
   Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery
   Lo Chung-mau

16 Henry Fok Professorship in Infectious Diseases
   Yuen Kwok-yung
“The Town-Gown Partnership is vital for the sustainability of any advanced economy such as Hong Kong. No world economy can succeed without a vibrant tertiary sector. Increasingly public-private partnerships in tertiary education are what lend that vibrancy and sustainability. The Endowed Professorships at HKU are an important manifestation of this concept.”

Dr Raymond K F Ch’ien
Chairman
Advisory Committee to the Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships