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An “Endowed Professorship” is one of the most significant awards bestowed upon eminent academics within the University. The generous donation will become a perpetual endowment in a designated discipline, as the Endowed Professor upholds a proud tradition of excellence.

On April 14, 2008, the University celebrated the inauguration of eight new Endowed Professorships*.

* A total of 33 Endowed Professorships have been established at HKU since 2005.
Chui Fook-Chuen Professorship in Molecular Medicine

Mr Chui Wai-kwan established this professorship as an eternal tribute to his father, Mr Chui Fook-chuen, who founded the Fook Lam Moon Restaurant Group 60 years ago. The chain of restaurants, which is now managed by Mr Chui and his two children, both accomplished doctors, has delighted many discerning palates in Hong Kong, Mainland China and Japan, and is synonymous with excellence in Chinese culinary art.

The Chui family has built a legacy of exquisite Chinese cuisine that has endured the generations. This year, a new legacy has been established through Mr Chui’s establishment of this Endowed Professorship in Molecular Medicine as a way to give back to society.

“I hope this Endowed Professorship will enhance the understanding and allow the creation of better treatments for all types of illnesses through the advancement of molecular biological research.”

Mr Chui Wai-kwan

Yu Professorship in Nephrology

Professor Yu, hailed from an exalted family of champions of medical research and education, has upheld his family’s fine tradition by becoming one of the most influential doctors within the medical profession. Professor Yu has also been instrumental in ensuring that the training and education of physicians in Hong Kong is of the highest international standards.

His father, also an alumnus, established the Yu Chiu-kwong Professorship in Medicine in 2007. Following his father’s footsteps, Professor Yu, together with his wife Mrs Carol Yu who is an ardent supporter of education, created this professorship with the aim of encouraging and nurturing young clinicians and scientists.

“We hope and expect that our endowment will nurture and encourage young clinicians and scientists to conduct analysis and improve on the prevention and management of kidney diseases.”

Professor Richard Yu & Mrs Carol Yu

余氏基金教授席（腎科）
Henry G Leong Professorship in Neurology

Caring for the elderly has always been Mr Edwin Leong’s wish. He established this endowed professorship in honour of his father, Mr Henry G Leong, who was a highly respected entrepreneur in Hong Kong in the 1950s and was an exemplary philanthropist.

A successful entrepreneur himself, Mr Edwin Leong is fondly known as “The King of Retail Space”. Fuelled by unflagging enthusiasm and a steadfast determination to care for the elderly, he established a second Endowed Professorship in Neurology as a continuation of his devotion to the care for the elderly.

“This will help to deepen the understanding of the nervous system and support innovative development in cutting-edge research to tackle various kinds of neurological disorders.”

Mr Edwin S H Leong 梁紹鴻先生

Jessie Ho Professorship in Neuroscience

A pioneer and guru in broadcasting and telecommunications, Mr George Ho founded Commercial Radio Hong Kong in 1959, Hong Kong’s first commercial broadcasting station founded by a Chinese. He is one of the founders of Commercial Television established in 1975 and SmarTone Telecommunications Holdings in 1992.

Mr Ho always finds ways to give back to society. He founded the Jessie & George Ho Charitable Foundation and established a scholarship fund in law at HKU in 2004. This Professorship in Neuroscience was established in loving memory of his wife, Mrs Jessie Ho.

In his free time, Mr Ho enjoys tending his garden and shares his produce with his beloved friends and colleagues.

“I know that this Endowed Professorship, dedicated to the furtherance of research in neuroscience, would have been approved with pride and joy by my wife as it will help improve the understanding of the intricacies of the human brain.”

Mr George Ho 何佐芝先生
Lee Man-Chiu Professorship in Neuroscience
李文照基金教授席( 神經科學）

This Endowed Professorship was established by Mrs Lee Yig Big-kwan, in loving memory of her husband, Mr Lee Man-chiu. Mr Lee was a former director of Dah Chong Hong Limited, a household name in Hong Kong.

Born in Yokohama, Japan, Mr Lee’s connection with Japan enabled him to secure the distributorship of automobiles and cosmetics with a number of major Japanese manufacturers. Over the years, Mr Lee forged an illustrious career in trading and logistics in the Asian Region. The Lee Family wishes that this Professorship in Neuroscience will contribute to research in medical science.

“Our Endowment is made in remembrance of my late husband Lee Man-chiu for his kindness and generosity, and his keenness to promote research in medical science.”

Mrs Lee Yig Big-kwen 李易君女士

Loke Yew Professorship in Pathology
陸佑基金教授席( 病理學）

The long and endearing relationship between the Loke Family and the University harkens back to the founding years of the University when tin-mining tycoon Mr Loke Yew graciously lent a helping hand to the University when it faced serious financial difficulties. In 1916, Mr Loke Yew was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws in recognition of his distinguished service and commitment to the University.

The family’s legacy still lives vividly in the hearts of HKU’s students and staff nowadays as they pay their daily pilgrimage to the prestigious historical landmark, Loke Yew Hall.

This year, the University witnesses the inauguration of the Loke Yew Professorship, established through the generosity of Mr Loke Yew’s grandchildren, Ms Ruby Loke Yuen-kin and Professor Loke Yung-wai, as a touching testimony of their ties to Hong Kong.

“Loke Yew played a pivotal role in the founding of Hong Kong University. We, his grandchildren, have endowed this Professorship of Pathology to continue his legacy.”

Ms Ruby Loke Yuen-kin and Professor Loke Yung-wai
陸元堅女士及陸容威教授
Sir Robert Kotewall Professorship in Public Health

Sir Robert was a prominent figure in the Hong Kong community in the first half of the 20th century. He served the government and the people of Hong Kong with great distinction. Sir Robert committed his life to public service and instilled in his children its importance and of making society a better place. He was a leading scholar, a devoted friend of HKU and a member of its Court and Council.

Sir Robert’s daughter, Mrs Doris Zimmern, established The Doris Zimmern Charitable Foundation to serve the people of Hong Kong. It is through this Foundation that Mrs Doris Zimmern’s son, Dr Ronald Zimmern, a pioneer in public health genomics, established this Endowed Professorship to immortalise Sir Robert’s dedication to public service and his ties with the University.

“Public health is often a neglected subject in academic medical circles. It is therefore a great testament to the foresight of the Medical Faculty that it should have included Public Health as one of its eight strategic research areas.”

Dr Ronald Zimmern

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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, Dr Tsao Yen-chow, Dr Tse Tak-fu, Dr Stephen Wu, Dr Donald Yu, Professor Richard Yu, Professor Yuen Kwok-yung

Li Shu-Pui Professorship in Surgery

Dr Li Shu-pui graduated from the Medical Faculty in 1928. He was trained as a surgeon and specialised in otorhinolaryngology. Dr Li had transformed the landscape of private hospital practice in Hong Kong and made long-lasting contributions to the medical field and society.

To perpetuate the monumental legacy that Dr Li so laboriously and passionately wrought, his son Dr Walton Li, garnered the support of 12 medical doctors, each with either a close personal tie or professional association with Dr Li, to establish the Li Shu-pui Professorship to commemorate this doyen of medicine in Hong Kong.
Mr Chui Wai-kwan 徐維均先生; Vivian N Y Chan, Chui Fook-Chuen Professor in Molecular Medicine 徐福全基金教授 分子醫學 陳立怡

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Mr Edwin Leong 梁紹鴻先生; Ho Shu-leong, Henry G Leong Professor in Neurology 梁顯利基金教授 神經科 何樹良

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