Swire Hall 30th Anniversary

When Swire Building officially opened on November 11, 1980, it represented a new concept of student accommodation at HKU which combined a co-residential hall and an amenities centre. Thirty years on, Swire Building remains a popular meeting place for residents and non-residents.

Swire Hall provides more than 300 residential places to both undergraduates and postgraduates.

The establishment of Swire Hall not only provided accommodation for students, it also saw the campus’ first high-rise student residential hall in the University’s history.

Opening of Swire Building

Last November for Chairman of J. S. & S. Ltd., Dr. Rayson Huang, Vice-Chancellor of HKU (1972 – 1986) and Mr. J H Bremridge, former Chairman of J.S. & S. (H.K.) Ltd. (Quote from Swire News Volume 8 Issue 1 1981)

An article reporting the Opening of the Swire Building. (Picture on top, from left) Mr J A Swire, Chairman of J.S. & S. Ltd., Dr Rayson Huang, Vice-Chancellor of HKU (1972 – 1986) and Mr J H Bremridge, former Chairman of J.S. & S. (H.K.) Ltd. (Quote from Swire News Volume 8 Issue 1 1981)

“Swire’s have featured in many ‘firsts’ in the University’s history and its latest endowment of $2,500,000 for an undergraduate hall of residence takes another special place. The long absence of an undergraduate hall in the University’s building programmes in recent decades merely underlines the priority that it enjoys in University thinking today. This is the kind of provision that is germane to university life and probably more so in Hong Kong than anywhere else in the world is it, and has it become, also a need.”

Professor W E Cheong
Second Warden, Swire Hall
From the Programme of Swire Hall Opening Ceremony 1980
“When then-Swire Group Chairman, Sir John Swire CBE, officially opened Swire Hall in November 1980, he was continuing a tradition of Swire support for the University of Hong Kong that is as old as the university itself.”

Christopher Pratt
Chairman, John Swire & Sons (H.K.) Ltd.

“Anniversary Dinner

“The past 30 years have seen the shaping of Swire Hall culture that is firmly rooted in our spirit of Unity and Sincerity. Swirians in recent years have been cultivating their passion in social services locally and internationally.”

Dr Sam Chu 朱鑾華
Warden, Swire Hall

「我們見證了太古堂其獨特的歷史任務，亦賦予她繼續向前走的力量。儘管太古堂將會面對更多困難，學生亦會面對更大挑戰，我們深信團結、真誠將可引領我們登上高峰。」

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