The Hon Sir Yuet Keung Kan 简悦强 1913 – 2012 (BA 1935; Hon LLD 1973)
Morrisonian, Life Member of the Court, HKU

“A man of energy, patience, and vision, he has constantly inspired our public deliberations. His qualities of leadership, often involving a combative defence of law and order, have given a much needed direction and discipline to our polyglot society.

... In his work Sir Yuet-keung has displayed the wisdom of a Solomon, the constitution of a Solomon, and the determination and strength of a Hercules in fulfilling the tasks which he has so readily shouldered and accomplished for the public good. The lodestar of his career, the guiding principle which has impelled him and encouraged others, is his complete integrity and unwavering faith in the future of our community.”

Extracted from the citation by Professor Leonard K Young at the 84th Congregation, 1973

Doris Chen Kwok Lai-chue 陳郭麗珠 1929 – 2012

Dr Chen was appointed as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Mathematics of HKU in 1953 and was promoted to a Lectureship in 1960. She served the Department with all her heart until she took retirement in 1985 at the age of 55.

Forty-six years later one colleague reminisced about his first meeting with Dr Chen and wrote in the 70th anniversary book of the HKU Faculty of Science, “a lady dressed in an elegant Chinese ‘cheung-sam’ entered the lecture theatre. She marched down the aisle to the front, flanked by two young teaching assistants... She looked around with a smile and began lecturing and writing on the blackboard. She was Dr Doris Chen.”

Excerpt from the obituary by the Department of Mathematics

Simon Li 李慶生 1954 – 2012 (BA 1978)

Simon dedicated his career to the education and publishing sectors. He was Deputy Chairman of Hong Kong Publishing Federation, The Anglo-chinese Textbook Publishers Organisation and the Regional Director of Oxford University Press (China) Ltd. He was also one of the organising committee members of Class of 1978 Silver Jubilee Reunion.

Sir John Swaine 施偉賢 1932 – 2012 (BA 1952)

Sir John made tremendous contributions to public service in Hong Kong. He was a member of the Legislative Council since 1980 and was President from 1993 to 1995. He was also a member of Executive Council (1988 – 1991), Chairman of The University and Polytechnic Grants Committee (1985 – 1988) and The Hong Kong Jockey Club (1993 – 1996).

「施偉賢在上海出生，1952年在港大文學院畢業，繼而往劍橋進修，60年成為大律師，75年成為御用大律師，當年與現今仍為終審法院非常任法官林鄭和已離世的前終審法院非常任法官沈澄齊名，並長時間名列大律師名冊的榜首，比李柱銘、張健利等更資深一輩。施偉賢為人謙謙君子，不慍不躁，處事冷靜，待人親切，他最為人樂道的莫過於他熱愛馬匹。他對教育事業尤為熱心，在85至88年出任大學及理工撥款委員會主席，任內促進各理工學院升格為大學。在他離去之際，腦海中浮現的是他永遠衣履整齊的紳士裝扮和那貴族的氣度。」

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