Honorary University Fellowships

Wendy Gan 顏金施 (BA 1987) (1st right) is an alumni leader at HKU and was Chairman of Convocation (2001-2004), the youngest on record. She is also a long-serving member of the University Council and Court, and has participated in a number of significant committees and reviews, including the Ad Hoc Task Group on the Review of University Governance and Management. Currently, she is an Honorary Director of the HKU Foundation and a member of the Board of Directors of HKU SPACE.

Beatrice Mok 莫綺文 (2nd right) got her principal sources of inspiration from her late father Dr Mok Hing-yiu 莫慶堯 (MBBS 1947; Hon DSocSc 2009), a renowned physician of internal medicine, and her late husband, Danny Ho 何定邦 (BScEng 1969), both past Presidents of the HKU Alumni Association. In 2012, she established the Danny D B Ho Professorship in Family Medicine and founded the Community Partner Foundation as a continuation of their benefaction spirit. She is now a member of the University's Court and an Honorary President of the HKU Foundation.

Daniel Yu 於崇光 (2nd left) is a celebrated industrialist in Hong Kong, and Chairman and Director of Maxwell Electronics Limited, an electronics empire that played significant part in Hong Kong's growth. He established an Endowed Professorship in Virology in 2012, and extended his support with a further Endowed Professorship in Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology in 2013. He is currently an Honorary Patron of the HKU Foundation.

David Yu 余啟超 (1st left) is Chairman of Dor Fook Co. Ltd. and Managing Director of Cheong Shing Investment Loan and Exchange Co. Ltd. His family's support of HKU began in 1965, with the Yu Chun Keung Memorial Scholarships. He continues this philanthropic tradition and, along with HSBC Trustee, he and his family manage the Yu Chun Keung Charitable Trust Fund, which established the Yu Chun Keung Memorial Scholarships for Master of Research in Medicine and Medical Elective Travel, and the Yu Chun Keung Medical Library.

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On October 18, 2014, Professor Shinya Yamanaka (2nd right), the 2012 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine, was conferred the degree of Doctor of Science honoris causa for his contributions to the field of stem cell research. Trained as a surgeon, Professor Yamanaka changed his career to be a researcher and is now one of the leading stem cell experts in the world. Started at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology, his innovative reprogramming of pluripotent stem cells (iPSC) has brought him many prestigious awards including the Nobel Prize, the Shaw Prize, the Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award and many others. Currently he is Director of the Centre for iPS Cell Research and Application (CiRA), which was founded in 2008 in response to his discovery, at Kyoto University, and was named Senior Investigator at the Gladstone Institutes from 2007.

**Stem Cell Breakthrough to Future Cures**

“The magical moment of truth came in 2006 when the correct gene combination was confirmed. It meant that it was no longer necessary to use living human embryos to provide stem cells - rather an existing adult cell could be reprogrammed by adding a small number of key genes into its primitive or pluripotent stem-cell form. The technique was first derived from using adult mouse fibroblasts, but subsequently proven to be equally applicable to human adult fibroblasts. The resulting cell was named induced pluripotent stem cell, or iPS cell.”

Professor Michael Wilkinson
Public Orator