Professor Ian Davies 戴義安 1942 – 2014 (Hon DSc 2006)

- Pro-Vice-Chancellor (1991 – 2000)
- Registrar (1999 – 2000)
- Dean of Dentistry and Director of Prince Philip Dental Hospital, Hong Kong (1983 – 1989)

I first met Ian when we worked together on the University Council. He was extremely capable, and was always the first choice to handle any tough assignments. To his great credit, he accepted all tasks with humility, and carried out his work with great dedication and resourcefulness.

His formidable intellect, used wisely, made him a perfect example of the HKU motto, Wisdom and Virtue.

Dr the Hon Sir David Li 李國寶 (Hon LLD 1996)
Pro-Chancellor

I did not have the opportunity of meeting him (Ian). I wish I did though.

They (my colleagues) have shown me a portrait of someone we would all like to know: extremely intelligent, a trusted colleague, a great leader, and a man who was warm, gracious, engaging and kind.

Professor Peter Mathieson 馬斐森
President and Vice-Chancellor

Our first encounter was not a very pleasant one. Dental Studies was then part of the Medical Faculty and as the Associate Dean of Medicine I sat on the Board of Selection for professors. I was initially opposed to his appointment. He was only 38 years old and it was very unusual for such a young person to be appointed to full professorship in the Medical Faculty in those days. I later changed my mind and supported his appointment. That was probably my only contribution to the establishment of the Faculty of Dentistry.

Professor Rosie Young 楊紫芝 (MBBS 1953; MD 1959; Hon DSc 1995)

I had known Ian since I was a dental student. He was my mentor, a professor of mine. I remember once I curiously asked Ian how should one plan for his career. Ian stopped for a while and gave me a little smile, ‘Gordon, you don’t need to plan or worry too much. You simply need to do the best that you can. Opportunity will come. When it comes, take it with no fear’.

Ian, I am doing exactly what you told me to do: just do the best that I can.

Dr Gordon Chiu 趙啓聰 (BDS 1987; MDS 1989)

I was amazed how he finished the surgery in such a graceful manner. He had a big body. His fingers were ‘gigantic’ compared to the patient’s month. But, he acted like he were playing piano and we were listening to the Moonlight sonata.

Dr Vincent Ngai 倪貴城 (BDS 1994; MDS 1997; AdvDipPeriodont 2006)
With his (Ian’s) inspiring leadership and administrative skills, we were able to secure the first accreditation exercise of the British Dental Council and putting our BDS degree on par with those in the UK and other Commonwealth countries.

Nearly half of the dentists now practising in Hong Kong have been either taught or examined by Professor Davies. His leadership in Periodontology and Public Health made this one of the most prominent specialties in Hong Kong.

Professor Stephen Wei 韋漢賢
Dean of Dentistry (1989 – 1997)

A real softy at heart, never an unkind word about anyone.

Dr Mary Rodrigues 羅紀緯 (BA 1967; Hon DSoCSc 2004),
Chairman of Convocation (1993 – 2001)

Professor Davies, I remember how you raised your bushy eyebrows as you read a missive from a minion academic (mis)addressing you by your first name as Ion.

Violet Tang 鄧惠珠 (BA 1966)
Former Senior Assistant Registrar

Professor Davies proved his experience and expertise were of great value to the manpower development of the sector and to the oral health policy for Hong Kong.

Dr Sigmund Leung 梁世民 (BDS 1990)
President, Hong Kong Dental Association

In recognition of his contributions to the Academy, the field of dentistry, the healthcare profession, and the community of Hong Kong as a whole, the Academy conferred an Honorary Fellowship upon Professor Davies in 2004.

Professor Donald Li 李國楝 (MBBS 1980)
President, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

It seemed like yesterday when we presented the ‘Davies Cuff-links’ to our dear Vice-Chancellor and good friend Professor Ian Davies as he retired. To us he epitomised what the British Gentleman, Scholar and Poet should be like. He could have come straight from a classic movie or play.

Bernadette Tsui 徐詠璇 (BA 1980; MPhil 1984)
Director, Development & Alumni Affairs Office
Dr Solomon Bard 白爾德 1916 – 2014  
(MBBS 1939; Hon DLitt 1976)

Dr Bard, founder of the University Health Service, passed away in Sydney in November 2014 at the age of 98.

Born in Siberia and schooled in Harbin, Dr Bard was one of five students who managed to graduate in 1939 out of 45 classmates and was awarded the Anderson Gold Medal, an award bestowed annually to the medical graduate with the highest aggregate marks for the entire course.

He reconnected with HKU in 1956 when he joined as a University Health Officer (later University Health Director) to build a healthcare service for the University population, the first of its kind in Hong Kong. He served in this capacity for twenty years. His passion for archaeology also made him one of the founders of the University Archaeological Team, which was established in 1956.

An accomplished violinist, he was for many years the leader of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra and later of the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra before moving permanently to Australia in 1993. Over the years, he was awarded the military MBE for his services in the Hong Kong Defence Force in 1968; the civil OBE in 1975, and the degree of Doctor of Letters honoris causa by HKU in 1976 in recognition of his many and varied contributions, from music to medicine to archaeology.

Sources:
Citation of the 93rd Congregation, HKU
“Light and Shade - Sketches from an Uncommon Life”
Professor Ho Peng-yoke 何丙郁 1926 – 2014
Head of the Department of Chinese (1981-1987)

As a leading expert of world repute in the East Asian history of science (astronomy, astrology, mathematics and physics), religious Daoism and the history of Chinese alchemy and medicine, Professor Ho received his DLitt honoris causa from the University of Edinburgh for his stellar academic achievements. His global influence and prestige were evident in his appointments as Director Emeritus of Needham Research Institute at Cambridge University, Honorary Professor of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, and Academician of Academia Sinica in Taiwan.

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Professor Tsang Shu-ki 曾澍基 1950 – 2014
(BA 1973)

An advocate of government intervention in the free market economy in the 1980s, economist Professor Tsang passed away at age 64 in August 2014. As the Students’ Union’s Vice-President in 1970s, he led protests against injustices and socio-economic problems in society.

If there were a next life, I suspect I would want to become an astronomer.

節錄自曾澍基博客 sktsang.blogspot.hk

"If there were a next life, I suspect I would want to become an astronomer."
Chan Sai-bun 陳世彬 1932-2014
(BA 1957; MA 1961)
Chan Sai-bun (筆名：羔 羊), dedicated his life to education and Chinese writing, passed away in February 2014 at the age of 81. In 1952, Sai-bun came to HKU as a Queen’s College graduate to study under Edmund Blunden for the first two years and then Qian Mu 錢穆, Lo Hsiang-lin 羅香林, Tang Junyi 唐君毅 and Jao Tsung-I 饒宗頤 for the final two years.

During his university life, Sai-bun was very active in student affairs. He travelled widely and became a constant contributor to the Travel Page of Hong Kong Sing Tao Newspaper in the 1970s. In 1982, he took an early retirement from the government position of Principal Officer and started a new life in Canada to work as a sub-editor at Sing Tao Newspaper Toronto-edition and later at Ming Pao until he fell ill in 1997.

His passion for writing also led him to be a popular columnist under the pen name of Go Yeung 羔羊. His columns of daily yet humorous observation were collected and published as a series of three books including《羔羊妙論》. 

"The University has been a grateful beneficiary of Hou’s tireless bridge-building. We are indebted to him for his instrumental role in the founding and continuing effectiveness of the HKU Alumni Association of Chinese Mainland 香港大學內地校友聯誼社. Filius sericus, viator indefessus, orbis terrarum discipulus (Son of China, tireless traveller, student of the world)."

extracted from the citation at the Honorary University Fellowships presentation ceremony on December 15, 2005

Dr Wong Chi-shing 黃志成 1934-2013
(BSc(General) 1957; BSc 1958; MSc 1961)
Dr Wong, an internationally renowned scholar of ocean sciences and awardee of the Distinguished Alumni of HKU Faculty of Science in 2009, passed away in June 2013 in Canada at the age of 78. He was the Emeritus Scientist at the Institute of Ocean Sciences, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Victoria, BC). In addition to authoring and co-authoring nearly 200 papers, he received numerous awards including election as Fellow to the Chemical Institute of Canada, the Royal Society of Chemistry, UK, and Royal Society of Canada. Calling Dr Wong “an icon in Canadian ocean science,” the obituary in the Canadian Science Newsletter (June 2013) speaks of his “astute geochemical eye and remarkable tenacity.”