We mark the passing of a very distinguished man who made major contributions to this fantastic University, to Hong Kong, and to Mainland China. I would like to say thank you to Dr Rayson Huang for everything that he did and thank you to his family for supporting him during the time he worked at HKU.

Professor Peter Mathieson
President and Vice-Chancellor

In response to the compliments paid to him by his friends on the large number of developments at the University during his tenure, he said: “It was actually, as a Chinese saying puts it – the circumstances which made the hero and not the other way round (所謂「時勢造英雄」，而非「英雄造時勢」).” This is a true reflection of the humility of a great man who devoted his entire life to education, research and administration to make the world a better place to live in.

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

Rayson taught me a lot of things about how one should manage this higher institution of learning with hugely diverse interests and academic egos... He said HKU had no money to create new academic departments then, so what he did was to raise money from an alternative source. He was able to convince a donor to make a 3-million-dollar gift to the University so that he could launch new academic programmes and establish the Department of Music and the Department of Fine Arts.

Professor Lap-Chee Tsui 徐立之
The 14th Vice-Chancellor

It is well known that Rayson took inspiration and comfort from playing the violin – so much so that he learned to hand-craft his own instruments. It is less well known that his feet were just as nimble as his fingers! While he was a post-doctoral student in Chicago, he took up ballroom dancing, all the better to woo an attractive young lady he had met there – his future wife, Grace. Grace was one of the first Chinese women to earn an MBA from the University of Chicago.

Dr the Hon Sir David Li 李國寶 (Hon LLD 1996)
Pro-Chancellor
It all began when I was the editor of the Malayan Undergraduate, the organ of the University of Malaya’s Students’ Union, in 1950. The first person I interviewed was Rayson, who had joined the Chemistry department from Oxford and Chicago. We had a memorable hour together after which he chose to treat me as a young friend. You can imagine how proud I was of that.

Professor Wang Gungwu 王赓武 (Hon DLitt 2002)
The 11th Vice-Chancellor

When I was chairman of the UPGC we had the practice of having a regular luncheon meeting with the heads of institutions, each taking turn of being host. I particularly liked the Syrup Sponge Pudding produced by the chef at Rayson’s house. With this knowledge in mind, Rayson always produced this cake when it was his turn to host a lunch. And he christened it The UPGC Pudding.

Dr the Hon Sir T L Yang 楊鐵樑 (Hon DLitt 1991)
Pro-Chancellor (1994-2001)

Dr Huang was instrumental in the formation of the HKU Alumni Association, UK Chapter. When I started to live in London in the 90s, I knew there was a group of graduates, teaching and administrative staff who met regularly in London. I wanted them to form an official chapter of the Alumni Association in the UK. I found out there was going to be a lunch event and I planned to introduce this subject. Nobody knew who I was, and I didn’t know anybody in the attending group. I expected Dr Huang would be going, so I approached him privately, and asked him to introduce me – which he did with enthusiasm, as he knew what I had in mind. As a direct result of his support, I was delighted to see that most people at that event were in favour of having an official chapter.

Irene Man 文綺貞 (BA 1968)
Founding President, Hong Kong University Alumni Association, UK Chapter

Dr Huang respected the independence of the Union. He simply left us alone. By doing nothing, he allowed the Students’ Union to grow, to realise its potential, and to be responsible.

The Hon Ip Kin-yuen 葉建源 (BA 1984; PCEd 1989; MEd 1994)
Vice-President
The Hong Kong University Students’ Union (1983)

Rayson participated energetically in the Foundation’s board and other meetings. According to our records, he attended a remarkable 92 meetings during his 34 years’ tenure.

Johnson Cha
Trustee, Croucher Foundation (1998-2010)

My father took particular pleasure at being at the University of Hong Kong’s Centennial celebrations, its current high international academic standing, and the continued prosperity and vitality of Hong Kong to which he remained steadfastly committed and attached.

Professor Christopher Huang
Professor of Cell Physiology,
University of Cambridge

www4.hku.hk/cpao/bulkmail/2015/Rayson/
**Professor Anthony Hedley 賀達理 1941-2014**
Emeritus Professor of the School of Public Health
Head, Department of Community Medicine (1988-2000)
(now School of Public Health)
Honorary Clinical Professor of School of Public Health (2013-2014)

Professor Hedley passed away on the Isle of Man, UK. On December 8, 2014, the School of Public Health hosted the Fourth Hong Kong Public Health Forum with the theme “The Role of the Generalist - A Tribute to Professor Anthony J Hedley” in celebration of Professor Hedley's significant contributions to the city of Hong Kong, and to the art and science of public health globally.

In recognition of his contributions to public health, Professor Hedley received a World Health Organization Medal and the HKSAR Bronze Bauhinia Star in 1999 and 2000 respectively.

“*Tony is a generalist with a strategic command of the full ecoscape of all that matters to population health, but one who can at once become a competent, even expert, specialist in a specific area when called upon.*”

Professor Gabriel Leung
*Dean, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine*

**Dr Esther Cheung 張美君 1958-2015**
(BA 1981; CertEd 1983)
Head, Department of Comparative Literature (2004-2005)
Co-Director (2004-2007) and Director (2007-2015) of the Centre for the Study of Globalization and Cultures

One of the University's most beloved teachers and scholars winning the HKU Outstanding Teaching Award in 2011, and a leading figure in Hong Kong cultural studies. She also pioneered the filmmaker-in-residence scheme, which was first set up in the Department of Comparative Literature and later adopted by the University as the University Artists Scheme.

“And this is how I remember her, as someone who refused to be daunted or discouraged by obstacles in her way, who took life on with confidence and a sense of humour.”

Professor Ackbar Abbas
*Honorary Professor of Department of Comparative Literature*

「在你的課堂裡，不再是空洞的敘述，冰冷的建築，僵化的歷史；而是鮮活的故事，可觸可感的記憶，和浪漫的想像。」

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In memory of the late Dr Esther Cheung, her husband Professor Thomas Au, pledged to donate a sum of HK$64,000 contributed by her contemporaries, family and friends, to establish **Esther MK Cheung Memorial Prize for Undergraduate Students** and **Esther MK Cheung Memorial Prize for Postgraduate Students** in the Department of Comparative Literature.

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In Memoriam

Professor Zhong Xiangchong 鍾香崇 1921-2015
(BA 1941)

Professor Zhong, a Morrisonian who contributed his life to the development of China, passed away in Zhengzhou. For over 70 years, he devoted himself to the cause of refractories development. In recognition of his achievements, he was honoured Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences 中国科学院院士 in 1991; Distinguished Life Member of Unified International Technical Conference on Refractories (UNITECR) in 1993; Fellow of the American Ceramic Society in 1999; Ho Leung Ho Lee Foundation Prize for Progress in Science and Technology in 2000; Senior Contributor Award from UNITECR in 2011; and Lifetime Contributor Award for Achievements in Metallurgy Science and Technology of Chinese Society for Metals in 2011.

Dato' Seri Dr Tan Ewe Aik 陳幼奕 1924-2014
(MBBS 1950)

Dr Tan was a respected and prominent medical practitioner who earned one of the highest civil honours from the Malaysian Government for his lifetime contributions in medical and elderly care development for the Penang community, Malaysia. He was among the many students who escaped from Japanese-occupied Hong Kong into Free China during the War; however, he met his wife Datin Seri Dr Eleanor Eu 尤玉珠 (MBBS 1950) while both were studying medicine at HKU. In 2011, the year of the couple’s diamond wedding anniversary, their combined autobiography Prescriptions of Faith was launched.

“They (Peter and Eleanor) are shining examples of what medical practitioners should be: knowledgeable, ethical, humane and charitable.”

Foreword written by Dr Tan’s “junior”, Professor Sir David Todd 達安輝 (MBBS 1952; MD 1958; Hon DSc 1992) Emeritus Professor, HKU

Madam Daisy Li Woo 李胡紫霞 1917-2015
(Honorary University Fellow 1998)

“Daisy Li was known to the community at large for her dedication to philanthropy and social service... (she) applied herself wholeheartedly to the service of charities and social welfare, in a truly Christian spirit. Her services benefitted the elderly, the young, the sick and the underprivileged.”

Extracted from the booklet The Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the life of Daisy Li Woo Tse-Ha
Eric Peter Ho 何鴻鑾 1927-2015
(BA 1950)
Eric, a Riccian and Morrisonian, was an experienced civil servant who worked for the Hong Kong Government for some 40 years.

“I enjoyed university life to the full. During all four years of my course I served on the Students’ Association/Union Council; I served on countless club committees in various capacities. I was swimming champion for two years and represented the University in cricket and lawn tennis as well. There I also met my future wife (Grace Young 楊展翹 (BA 1950)).”

Extracted from Eric’s publication

Ella Ng 伍孫雅娜 1934-2015
(BA 1955)
Mrs Ng, former Senior Assistant Secretary of the Registry, HKU, was an enthusiastic supporter of her alma mater. She established the Ng Chun-Man Professorship in Orthopaedic Bioengineering 伍振民基金教授席 (骨科生物工程) in memory of her late husband Mr Ng Chun-man 伍振民 (BArch 1955): “It is my hope that dedicated researchers in this exciting field (Orthopaedic Bioengineering) will be given support in their quests for additional ways and means to relieve chronic pain and reduce permanent physical disabilities.”

Chan Nam 陳南 1954-2015
(BSc 1978)
Nam, the veteran journalist, started as a reporter at Wen Wei Po in the 1970s and became the Chief Editor of the Hong Kong Commercial Daily in 1996. In 2003, he was the Executive Director of the Newspaper Society of Hong Kong for nine consecutive years.

「近年香港每遇有重大難題時，我也會請教他的意見，受用於他的諄諄教誨。南總不只是一位仁厚的謙謙君子，他更對社會持有一份近乎執著的承擔。」

Dr Lo Wing-lok 勞永樂 1954-2015
(MBBS 1979)
Dr Lo, infectious disease specialist turned politician, was medical-sector legislator between 2000 and 2004, while serving two terms as Medical Association president during the same period.

“Dr Lo made significant contributions to the improvement of Hong Kong’s preparedness for infectious disease outbreaks by serving as a member of the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases of the Centre for Health Protection in the last 11 years.”

Dr the Hon Ko Wing-man 高永文 (MBBS 1981)