

Emeritus Professor Ronald Hsia 夏冷漪 1914 – 2012

Professor Hsia joined the University as a Lecturer in 1956 and was Professor and Chair of Economics from 1965 to 1978. During his two decades teaching at the University, he nurtured many outstanding students who have now become leaders of the community.

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“I remember Professor Hsia as a kind and caring man. Slightly eccentric in his gait, and speech, a cigar always between his lips, he marched to his own drumbeat, like a character from a Dickens novel. At a time when China was far from being the giant of today, he was already a specialist in its economic development.

He has a penchant for good brandy, Scottish whiskey, and Northern Chinese food, especially Peking duck and Shanghai fish. Well liked by many of his students, who were, on occasion, required to escort him home, after an indulgent evening...”

A 1968 Economics graduate

Emeritus Professor Frank H H King 1926 – 2012

Professor King taught Economics at HKU between 1952 and 1956. He was the Founding Director (1968 to 1979) of the former Centre of Asian Studies and Distinguished Fellow of the Institute since 2009.

Though he left the University, he maintained close ties with our colleagues. And he continued to give advice to our students and colleagues through different platforms.

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(incorporating Centre of Asian Studies)

Peter M Whyte 1920 – 2012

Dean of Students 1970 – 1983

“Armed with a first class honours degree (University of Melbourne), and professional experience as senior psychologist in a mental hospital in Australia, Head of the Student Counselling Unit (University of Newcastle, NSW) and clinical psychologist in private practice, Peter assumed the office as the first Dean of Students in The University of Hong Kong in 1970. Not being categorised as an academic or an administrator, and constantly viewed by the student body as part of the bureaucracy, Peter found his task as an officer overseeing the non-academic welfare of the student population both daunting and challenging. Imbued with bountiful exploratory spirit, Peter launched himself into the uncharted waters of his portfolio. During his deanship, Peter established the Student Counselling Unit; facilitated the introduction of student membership into the Council, the Senate and university committees; redressed financial imbalance of students halls of residence; sought donations to fund student loans and grants; created a catering service for halls of residence; was involved in the mounting and teaching of the Master of Social Sciences (Clinical Psychology) programme; and promoted a variety of student amenities.



Peter passed away peacefully on December 27, 2012, aged 92.”

Wife, Violet Tang 鄧惠珠 (BA 1966)



Sydney S W Leong 梁紹榮 (BA 1950)

Leong was admitted to HKU in 1948, and chaired the Chinese Society during his studies. He was a Solicitor of both the Supreme Courts of Hong Kong, and England and Wales, and Chairman of Henry G Leong Estates Ltd that established the Henry G Leong Professorship in Economics at the University in 2007.

Kathleen Cheung 張謝琮賢 1912 – 2013 (BA 1934)

Founding principal of the Ho Tung Technical School for Girls, Mrs Cheung served in the Hong Kong education sector throughout her life. Her enthusiasm and passion for education leaves a legacy of outstanding contributions and she will always be remembered as a dedicated professional.

Dr Kwan Siu-yee 關肇頤 1912 – 2013 (MBBS 1939; MS 1950)

Dr Kwan, a Morrisonian, was one of the forty plus medical students admitted to HKU in 1933, and graduated with about ten classmates in 1939. After graduating from HKU, he became a Medical Officer at Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) till the war broke out. In 1941, he became a lecturer at the School of Medicine, SunYat-sen University. His father Dr Kwan King Leung 關景良 is one of the classmates of Dr Sun Yat-sen at the College of Medicine. After the war, Dr Kwan returned to work at QMH and started his private practice in 1950 until his retirement.

**Dr Cheung Wai-lam 張惠林 1956 – 2012 (PhD 1990)****Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering**

“My memories of Wai-lam (WL) go back to 1985 when he joined our Department as a Demonstrator in the Materials Lab when the Haking Wong Building was only a couple of years old. He studied for a PhD in Plastics Technology... In the lab he had remarkable ability to communicate complicated ideas in simple and vivid language coupled with real enthusiasm and this was the basis of his success when he became a Lecturer.

19 years ago, during Lorane’s second pregnancy, WL learned that he had liver cancer. This was obviously a severe blow to the family, but somehow, with the support of Lorane and his deep faith in God he was able to carry on in such a way that most colleagues had no idea of the size of burden he was carrying. In that situation he prayed to God for 10 years, enough for him to make provision for his wife and two sons... God granted him a total of 19 years since the first diagnosis and as all colleagues know he remained a cheerful person even when he was recovering from chemotherapy.

Those who live in forests have a saying, “only when a tree falls can you know how big it is”. Our friend and colleague has now passed away and it is clear from what is now being written by students and colleagues that although he was small in stature he was a very big man.”

Extracted from the Eulogy by Professor Brian J Duggan

Koo Man-cheung 古文昌 1987 – 2012 (BEng(ME) 2010; MSc(Eng)(ME), Year 2)**Leung Ka-kit 梁家杰 1988 – 2012 (BEng(ME) 2010; MPhil 2012)**

Koo and Leung were among the more than 30 people who died during the tragic ferry collision off Lamma Island on October 1, 2012. Both were Engineering graduates; Koo was also studying for the Degree of Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Leung had just submitted his thesis for his Degree of Master of Philosophy.

Joseph Shek 石雨明 1944 – 2012 (BSc(Eng) 1967)

Shek had been an Executive Committee member of the Hong Kong University Alumni Association for a number of years during which he had contributed a lot to the Association, particularly on the improvement of its premises. He was also the Honorary Director of the HKU Foundation and contributed tremendously to student development programmes.

Ng Tat-lun 伍達倫 1942 – 2013 (MSc(Eng) 1978; MBuddhStud 2006)

Dr Ng had been the Chairman of the Employees Retraining Board since 2009 and served in various official capacities for more than 20 years. He was also the Deputy Chairman of Council, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Council, and a member of the Manpower Development Committee.