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Ir. Dr. Joseph Chow Ming-Kuen, O.B.E., J.P.

The Hong Kong Rotarian ‘Wonderful and Gentle Soul’

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In an email to graduates, Professor Christopher Chao (趙汝恆教授), Dean of Engineering at the University of Hong Kong, appraised the School’s distinguished alumnus: “Dr. Chow ... .. passionately and selflessly dedicated himself to his alma mater and Hong Kong,” the email read. “His wonderful and gentle soul will forever remain in our hearts and he will be sorely missed.”

Ir. Dr. Joseph Chow Ming-Kuen (工程師周明權博士), OBE, DEng, CEng, RPE, FHKIE, FICE, FIStructE, FCIT, BSc(Eng) (HKU), JP, was a civil and structural engineer by profession. He was a Senior Active member of Hong Kong Island West Rotary Club (香港西區扶輪社) and served the Club President in 1987-1988. He passed away in Hong Kong on 13 October 2018 after lung cancer battle, aged 77. Chow is survived by his wife, former Hong Kong Urban Council, Executive Council and Legislative Council member Selina Chow Liang Shuk-Yee (周梁淑怡太平紳士), GBS, OBE, JP, and their two daughters.

Chow obtained a Bachelor Degree of Science (Engineering), in 1964 from the University of Hong Kong (HKU) and had spent almost 50 years in the design, construction and management of many major local and international infrastructural and building projects. He founded JMK Consulting Engineers in 1992.

As a student, Chow was elected Chairman of the HKU Engineering Society and organized its Golden Anniversary Celebrations in 1962 – a role he would reprise for the Faculty’s Centenary Celebrations in 2012. He was the Founding President of the HKU Engineering Alumni Association and had served the University, inter alia, as a Court Member, Founding Senior Member of the HKU Foundation, and a HKU Mentor to its students. Chow was honored in 2013 by the University conferring the title of Honorary University Fellow, in recognition of his contributions to the University and to the community. The Fellowships are a means for the

University community to thank and salute the lives of those who have made important contributions in their own unique ways to the University, to academia, and to Hong Kong.

Chow also held several public offices. In his profession, he had been the President 2001-2002 of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers; Chairman of the Hong Kong Engineers Registration Board and the Hong Kong Construction Workers Registration Authority.

To the community, Chow had been Chairman (1996-2003) of the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority; and Chairman of the Governing Committee of the Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital. He had also served, inter alia, as a member of the Housing Authority; Hospital Authority; Chinese Medicine Council and Education Commission. He had been the Deputy Chairman of Council of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, which conferred him Doctor of Engineering (*honoris causa*) in 1999. He was also a Senior Superintendent of the Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force.

Chow was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Hong Kong (J.P.) in 1992 by the Hong Kong Governor Chris Patten (彭定康), and was later decorated in 1997 by Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.).

Chow had over 40 years of experience in the planning, design and construction of many major engineering projects in the United Kingdom, Middle East, China Mainland and Hong Kong. He was the Independent Non-Executive Chairman of Joseph Chow & Partners Ltd., and was also Independent Non-Executive Director of Chevalier International Holdings Limited; Build King Holdings Limited; Road King Infrastructure Limited; and Harbour Centre Development Limited, etc.



2013 年---工程師周明權博士(左)接受香港大學副校監李國寶爵士頒給名譽大學院士證書

*Ir. Dr. Joseph Chow Ming-Kuen (left) receives the Honorary University Fellowship Certificate from the hands of Pro-Chancellor Sir David Li Kwok-Po, the University of Hong Kong. (2013)*



周明權與梁淑怡的新婚儷照

*The wedding photo of Joseph Chow and Selina Liang*



面對香港土地供應緊拙，2018年初社會有人提議在葵涌貨櫃碼頭上建造房屋。周明權表態支持，指於該處上蓋建屋在建造時間、成本和技術方面都有優勢，與在平地上建屋分別不大。

*Facing the tight land supply in Hong Kong, in early 2018, some people proposed building houses on the Kwai Chung Container Terminal. Joseph Chow expressed his support---that building houses atop the site has advantages in time, cost and technology, and is not much different from building houses on other flat land.*

工程師周明權博士，O.B.E., J.P.，專業土木及結構工程師，是香港西區扶輪社資深社員，1987-1988年擔任社長。他於2018年10月13日在香港因肺癌逝世，享年七十七歲。遺孀是周梁淑怡太平紳士，G.B.S., O.B.E., J.P.，育有兩名女兒周智美、周智琪。

1964年於香港大學畢業，周明權獲工學士學位，從事本地和海外大型基建和建築項目的設計、建造和管理工作近50年。1992年他創立周明權工程顧問有限公司。

周明權就讀香港大學時曾擔任工程學會主席，於1962年為學會舉辦了50周年慶典活動，2012年再度為工程學院籌辦百周年慶典活動。他是香港大學工程學院校友會創會主席、香港大學校董會成員、香港大學基金資深創會會員和香港大學「師友計劃」導師。2013年香港大學授予周明權名譽大學院士。此外，他曾擔任香港理工大學校董會副主席，並於1999年獲理工大學頒授榮譽工程學博士學位。

周明權在專業範疇備受敬重，曾擔任香港工程師學會會長(2001-2002)，並且是香港工程師註冊局和香港建造業工人註冊管理局的主席。公職方面，周明權曾擔任香港考試及評核局(1996-2003)主席和東區尤德夫人那打素醫院管治委員會的主席。他亦是香港房屋委員會、醫院管理局、中醫藥管理委員會及教育委員會的成員，並為皇家香港輔助警察隊高級警司。

周明權於1992年獲香港總督彭定康(Chris Patten)委任為非官守太平紳士；1997年獲英國女王伊利沙伯二世頒授大英帝國最優秀官佐勳章(O.B.E.)。

周明權於英國、中東、中國內地和香港擁有超過40年籌劃、設計及興建多個工程項目之經驗。生前為周明權工程顧問有限公司之獨立非執行主席，也是多間公司的獨立非執行董事：其士國際集團有限公司、利基控股有限公司、路勁基建有限公司、海港企業有限公司等等。



周明權伉儷

周明權夫人——梁淑怡女士是第十二屆中國人民政治協商會議全國委員會香港地區委員；自由黨榮譽主席；前旺角區議會議員；前香港市政局、香港行政局和香港立法局議員；曾擔任香港特別行政區行政會議委員、香港立法會民選議員、消費者委員會主席、香港旅遊協會和香港旅遊發展局主席。周梁淑怡是香港電視發展史上的重要人物，曾任香港三大電視台(TVB電視廣播有限公司、ATV亞洲電視有限公司、CTV佳藝電視有限公司)的管理層，為香港電視界、電影界、樂壇培育了台前幕後的多位殿堂級英才。