

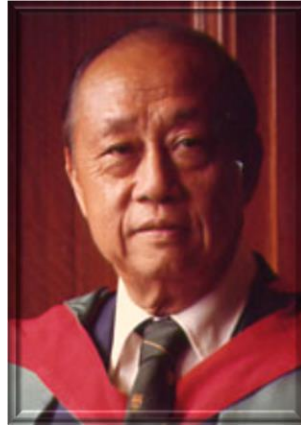
馮秉芬爵士--扶輪百年紀念提選的傑出社員

Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan

A Prominent Rotarian of the Rotary Centennial

by Herbert K. Lau (劉敬恒) (Rotary China Historian)

23 February 2015 (110 Years of Rotary)



Dr. The Honourable Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (馮秉芬爵士), Kt, KStJ, CBE, *HonLLD (CUHK)*, *HonDSocSc (HKU)*, JP, (1911-2002), a prominent politician and businessman, was selected by Rotary International “A Prominent Rotarian of the Centennial” representing the Hong Kong SAR of China. That was the Rotary Centennial in the Year 2005. In recognizing Rotary’s 100 years of services, Rotary International selected a list of prominent Rotarians, representing various fields and professions, including individuals who were or had been active or honorary members of Rotary clubs around the world. (*Read the announcement on Page 9*)

Kenneth was, by far, the youngest Rotarian in the Rotary Hong Kong history. He joined The Rotary Club of Hong Kong (香港扶輪社) at his age of 23. He served the Club as President in 1949-1950, and later was elected Rotary International District 345 Governor in 1961-1962. The District was compiled with 3 different territories of 3 different nations: (1) Republic of China – Taiwan Province (中華民國臺灣省); (2) The British Crown Colony Hong Kong (英國殖民地香港); and (3) The Portuguese Territory Macao (葡萄牙屬地澳門). Prior to the District inaugurated on 1 July 1960, he was appointed as R.I. Administrative Advisor to supervise the non-districted clubs for one year. He had participated 2 times in the election of Rotary International directors for 1965-1966 and 1966-1967, but was not successful.

As one of the Hong Kong’s outstanding leaders in banking, commerce and industry, Kenneth possessed in abundance those qualities of personal endeavour and initiative which our fellows could be advised to emulate.

While Kenneth was still a student in the School of Chinese Studies (香港大學中文學院), which his father, a noted philanthropist and benefactor of the University of Hong Kong so richly endowed, he was given the responsibility of administering an intricate business organization, a task which would have

daunted any man. From the beginning, he displayed an unfailing confidence in the future of Hong Kong and showed such powers of leadership that he inspired others to a new sense of purpose in their affairs. By his example he had built up Hong Kong's economic well-being, giving Hong Kong an international outlook and position, in support of which he had led trade missions and delegations abroad.

Kenneth's particular contribution, again by the force of his personal example, had been his staunch support of the concept of service to the community, on which, the welfare of Hong Kong depends. To this end, in addition to the service to Rotary, he had invested his time, the most valuable of his resources, in the most valuable of Hong Kong commodities, the aspirations of the young. He had devoted himself to the improvement of the welfare organizations and to the establishment of schools via the San Wui Commercial Society (僑港新會商會). He had involved himself closely in the work of the Scout movement and of the Y.M.C.A. (Young Men's Christian Association). He was a past Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and was the first Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme in Hong Kong. At the same time, he had taken a full and active part in the cultural life of the Hong Kong community, offering his support to numerous societies concerned with music and the arts.

In the field of higher education Kenneth had offered the benefit of his guidance to the two universities – The University of Hong Kong (香港大學) and the Chinese University of Hong Kong (香港中文大學). Kenneth had been a member of the Hong Kong University Court (香港大學董事會) since 1948. From 1962 to 1972, Kenneth was Chairman of the United College Board of Trustees (香港聯合書院董事會主席). The United College was one of the three foundation colleges in the establishment of The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1963. Since then, Kenneth served as an Ex-officio Member of the University Council (香港中文大學當然董事). After his retirement from the Council on 14 January 1992, Fung was appointed by the Board of Directors of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Foundation Ltd. as a Patron of the foundation for an initial term of 5 years. Fung has been associated with the University for more than 30 years. Prior to these appointments, Fung had served as member of the Provisional Council of the University, and as chairman of the Committee for the Installation of the First Vice-Chancellor and First Congregation for the Conferment of Honorary Degrees.

Hong Kong started its involvement in the United World Colleges Movement (聯合世界書院) in 1972, when the first batch of 8 Hong Kong students were sent to the founding college, United World College of the Atlantic in United Kingdom on full scholarships. UWC HK Committee responsible for scholarship fundraising was chaired by Sir Kenneth.

He had the distinction of having been the first Chinese to serve as Honorary Aide-de-Camp (香港總督榮譽副官) to four successive Governors and Officers Administering the Government of Hong Kong.

From 1951 to 1960, Kenneth was appointed a Senior Unofficial Member of the Urban Council of Hong Kong (香港市政局首席非官守議員). In 1952, Kenneth received the life appointment of Unofficial Justice of Peace for Hong Kong (香港非官守太平紳士) from the Hong Kong Governor. He was appointed to the Legislative Council of Hong Kong (香港立法局非官守議員) in 1959, in which he served until 1965. From 1962 to 1972, he was the Unofficial Member of the Executive Council of Hong Kong (香港行政局非官守議員).

Kenneth was an environmentalist who was the founder and president of Hong Kong's World Wild Life Fund (世界野生生物基金會) in 1981 – the former organization of World Wide Fund for Nature (世界自然基金會) (WWF) since 1986. He also was a co-founder of the Ocean Park Hong Kong (香港海洋公園) in 1971 and served as the first chairman of the Park.

Kenneth has added lustre to the name of one of Hong Kong's most respected families, and by virtue of his personal achievement he has moved to the forefront of Hong Kong's affairs.

Giving the perspective illustration about Kenneth and his family, a Hong Kong writer Victoria Bernard contributed an article 《Sir Kenneth Ping-fan Fung -- Hong Kong's Man of Action》 to 《The Rotarian》 magazine in May 1984. The full text of which is reprinted here on Pages 6-8.

### *The Road of Fame*

**1911** Kenneth was born on 28 May 1911 as the fourth son to Mr. Fung Ping-Shan (馮平山), J.P., a co-founder of the Bank of East Asia.

**1930** Founding Chairman, Chinese Studies Society, Hong Kong University (香港大學中文學會).

**1931** Kenneth was still a student of age 19 in the School of Chinese Studies (香港大學中文學院), University of Hong Kong. His father passed away. He was given the responsibility of administering an intricate business organization demised by his father.

**1934** Kenneth joined The Rotary Club of Hong Kong (香港扶輪社) at the age of 23, the youngest Rotarian in Hong Kong history.

**1939** At the age of 28, Kenneth established the Fung Ping Fan Group.

**1947-1997** Director, The Bank of East Asia, Ltd., concurrently the chief manager from 1965 to 1969.

**1948-2002** Life Member of the Court, The University of Hong Kong (香港大學終身校董).

**1 July 1949-30 June 1950** Kenneth was President of Hong Kong Rotary Club, 57th District (South China) of Rotary International, when "Gem" George E. Marden was the District Governor.

**1951-1960** Senior Unofficial Member of the Urban Council of Hong Kong (香港市政局首席非官守議員)

**1952** Conferred a life appointment of an Unofficial Justice of Peace for Hong Kong (J.P.) by the Hong Kong Governor Sir Alexander Grantham (香港總督葛量洪爵士).

**1953-1958** The 6th Commissioner, Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Brigade

**1958** Confrères of The Knight of Justice of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem (K.St.J.) by Queen Elizabeth II, United Kingdom.

**1958** Appointed Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) by Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom.

**1959-1965** Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong (香港立法局非官守議員)

**1 July 1961-30 June 1962** Served Rotary International as District 345 Governor, of which the territory was composed of: (1) Republic of China (*that portion of Taiwan Province*); (2) British Crown Colony Hong Kong; and (3) Portuguese Territory Macao. He was the second governor of this District. Theme of the Year was "ACT -- *Aim for Action, Communicate for Understanding, Test for Leadership*" (努力行動，對了解鋪路，提高領導力).

**1961** Founding Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Hong Kong

**1962-1972** Unofficial Member of the Executive Council of Hong Kong (香港行政局非官守議員)

**1962-1972** Chairman of the United College Board of Trustees (香港聯合書院董事會主席).

**1963-1992** Member, Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (香港中文大學董事會董事).

**1965** Appointed Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (C.B.E.) by Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom.

**1965** Hong Kong chief delegate to Tokyo International Trade Fair in Japan.

**1968** Conferred Doctor of Laws Degree (*honoris causa*) by The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

**1969** Conferred Doctor of Social Science Degree (*honoris causa*) by The University of Hong Kong.

**1969** Decorated the 3rd Class Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon (勳三等瑞寶中綬章) by the Emperor of Japan.

**1971-1974** Chairman, Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Association Council

**1971** Kenneth was a co-founder of the Ocean Park Hong Kong (香港海洋公園) and served as the first Chairman of the Board, Ocean Park Limited.

**1972** Knight Bachelor invested by Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom.



**1972-1978** The first Chairman of the United World Colleges Hong Kong Committee

**1975** The Fung Ping Fan Group bought a McDonald's franchise and introduced the fast-food restaurant to Hong Kong.

**1976** In recognition of long and meritorious service as Vice President of The Scout Association of Hong Kong, Kenneth was decorated The Silver Acorn by the British Commonwealth Scout Council.

**1981** World Wild Life Fund-Hong Kong (世界野生生物基金會) was inaugurated. Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan and Dr. Philip Kwok (郭志權博士) (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1980-1981) were elected WWF-Hong Kong's first President and Chairman respectively

**1985** Decorated the 2nd Class Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Star (勳二等瑞寶重光章) by the Emperor of Japan.

**1985** Decorated the Gold Dragon Medal (金龍勳章) – highest award for lay members – by the Chief Scout, Hong Kong Governor Sir Edward Youde (尤德爵士), The Scout Association of Hong Kong.

**1992** Conferred the title of “Honorary Citizen of Xinhui City”, Guangdong Province (新會市榮譽市民), China.

**1992-1997** Patron, The Chinese University of Hong Kong Foundation Ltd.

**1993** Conferred the title of “Honorary Citizen of Jiangmen City”, Guangdong Province (江門市榮譽市民), China.

**2002** Kenneth died on 16 May 2002 at the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital (香港港安醫院), aged 91.



## University of Hong Kong - 72nd Congregation (1969)

The Honorable Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan

Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*

Citation written and delivered by Professor Leonard Kenneth Young, BA, DPHIL, the Public Orator of the University of Hong Kong.

The extension of the work of the University in the field of the social sciences, in support of which a new Faculty was recently formed, encourages us this evening to offer our tribute in a new quadrant of learning, which matches those which we have made in Letters, Science and the Laws. It is extremely fitting that Kenneth Fung Ping-fan should receive the very first of these degrees now offered by the University. As one of the Colony's outstanding leaders in banking, commerce and industry he possesses in abundance those qualities of personal endeavour and initiative which our students could be advised to emulate.

While he was still a student in the School of Chinese Studies, which his father, a noted philanthropist and benefactor of this University so richly endowed, Kenneth Fung was given the responsibility of administering an intricate business organization, a task which would have daunted any man. From the beginning, he displayed an unflinching confidence in the future of the Colony and showed such powers of leadership that he inspired others to a new sense of purpose in their affairs. By his example he has built up our economic well-being, giving Hong Kong an international outlook and position, in support of which he has led trade missions and delegations abroad.

His particular contribution, again by the force of his personal example, has been his staunch support of the concept of service to the community, on which, as we are all aware, the welfare of this Colony depends. To this end, he has invested his time, the most valuable of his resources, in the most valuable of our commodities, the aspirations of our young. He has devoted himself to the improvement of our welfare organizations and to the establishment of schools. He has involved himself closely in the work of the Scout movement and of the YMCA. He is a past Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and was the first Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme in Hong Kong. At the same time, he has taken a full and active part in the cultural life of the Colony, offering his support to numerous societies concerned with music and the arts. In the field of higher education he has offered the benefit of his guidance to the two Universities; he has been a member of our Court since 1948. He was for a long period a member of the Urban Council and of the Legislative Council and he has been an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council since 1962. He has the distinction of having been the first Chinese Hon ADC to four successive Governors and Officers Administering the Government.

He has added lustre to the name of one of Hong Kong's most respected families, and by virtue of his personal achievement he has moved to the forefront of the Colony's affairs. In recognition of this I respectfully request you to confer on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Social Sciences.

# PROFILE

## Sir Kenneth Ping-fan Fung

# HONG KONG'S MAN OF ACTION



*In this 1972 photograph, Sir Kenneth, a longtime member of the Hong Kong Jockey Club and an avid horse racing fan, leads his prize race horse, Good Fun, to the winner's circle.*



*Sir Kenneth listens intently as HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, addresses the Hong Kong branch of the World Wildlife Fund.*

by **Victoria Bernard**

**H**ONG KONG—About five-and-a-half million people crowd this small British Crown Colony island, a bastion of capitalism next door to Red China. More than most societies, Hong Kong is a place created by trade and finance.

And few men have done more to shape modern Hong Kong than Rotarian Sir Kenneth Ping-fan Fung, one of the colony's best-known businessmen, and a leader—locally and internationally—in serving others.

As one of Hong Kong's chief financial architects, Sir Kenneth has played a prominent role in the city's commercial development since the 1930's. In was then, upon the death of his father, Fung-Ping-shan, that he found himself suddenly thrust into the business world. However, the elder Fung, a philanthropist and founder of the Bank of East Asia, had not left his 19-year-old son unprepared. Guided by the example of his father's sound business sense and spirit of service to the community, Sir Kenneth went on to become director and

chief manager of the Bank of East Asia, now one of the largest Chinese-owned banks in Hong Kong.

Today Sir Kenneth, a member of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong, is the bank's senior director. Under his aggressive guidance, the Fung Ping Fan Group, founded by his father, has also prospered, burgeoning into a leading "hong" (commercial investment firm) with 35 subsidiary companies and a host of business interests in banking, real estate, manufacturing, import/export, and restaurant and catering services, a number of which are joint ventures with major overseas companies.

A man with a global view, Sir Kenneth has, nevertheless, played a vigorous role in the educational, cultural, social, and political life of Hong Kong.

Over the years, he has generously devoted time to young people, through the Boy Scouts and the YMCA, and has helped found 12 primary schools and three secondary schools.

"The aspirations of our young people," Sir Kenneth says, "constitute the most valuable of Hong Kong's commodities. The welfare and future of our community greatly depends on them."



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A founder council member of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Sir Kenneth continues to serve on the boards of no fewer than 11 educational institutions. He is also chairman of the Hong Kong National Committee of the United World Colleges, which are located in Singapore, Italy, Africa, the U.S.A., Canada, and Wales. Moreover, he has founded scholarships at these colleges for a number of Hong Kong's outstanding students.

Sir Kenneth has served Hong Kong's government with zeal and distinction equal to his business and educational efforts. He was for many years a member of Hong Kong's Urban Council and Legislative Council. Since 1962, he has been an unofficial member of the Executive Council. As aide-de-camp to four successive governors and officers administering the crown colony, he was at the forefront of Hong Kong affairs.

In 1971, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II invested Sir Kenneth, already holder of the CBE (Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) and other honors, with the title of Knight Bachelor. And upon his retirement from four decades of government service in 1972, the Queen granted Sir Kenneth the right to use

*Family portrait—Sir Kenneth and Lady Ivy have four sons and one daughter (all married), and 15 grandchildren.*

*Below: A proud Sir Kenneth gives an Ocean Park tour to the visiting Duke (in glasses) and Duchess of Kent.*



*'Fundamental human nature does not change, and the application of the concept of selfless service which is integral to the philosophies of all major religions and which is the core of the philosophy I share with Rotary, will be needed even more in the future.'*

the rare prefix of "Honourable" before his name.

**O**f great support and inspiration to Sir Kenneth throughout his career has been his wife, Lady Ivy, whom he married in 1933. Highly accomplished in her own right, Lady Ivy has been awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for her distinguished contributions to civic, cultural, and charitable causes. Like her husband, she is a Hong Kong justice of the peace. She and Sir Kenneth frequently travel abroad to attend meetings and conferences of international organizations. In doing so, they have met and befriended the leaders of many nations. In the midst of their busy life together, the couple remain devoted to their four sons and one daughter, all of whom now have families of their own (See photo on page 37).

One of Sir Kenneth's keen concerns is wildlife conservation. He is founder and chairman of the Hong Kong branch of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), which has helped create a bird sanctuary in north Hong Kong's Maipo Marshes and worked on projects in the People's Republic of China.

Another of his most prized projects and an achievement of which he is especially proud is Ocean Park, a huge and magnificent complex of tropical gardens with birds, animals, and aquariums in a dramatic location on a headland jutting out into the sea on the south side of Hong Kong Island. As its founder chairman for the last 10 years, he saw it through its formative years. Today Ocean Park, considered to be one of the most outstanding examples of a marine park in the world, attracts thousands of tourists each day. In creating Ocean Park, Sir Kenneth has provided a major contribution to the cultural and leisure facilities available to Hong Kong's teeming millions. This alone would have constituted a lifetime achievement for most men.

One of the many reasons Sir Kenneth is so much in demand by various community service organizations is his success as a fund raiser. Friends call him Hong Kong's most persistent and successful "beggar." In 1981, Sir Kenneth raised more than \$2 million (HK) for the WWF—in just one week.

**Y**et, in the course of the man's broad and prolific public service career, there has always been time for Rotary—since 1935, when Sir Kenneth, then only 23, was admitted as the Rotary Club of Hong Kong's youngest member. During those early years, he was active in club projects, especially in helping to establish children's playgrounds and promote youth activities in Hong Kong and Kowloon. In 1949–1950, he served as president of the club, and in 1961–62 he was governor of R.I. District 345. "In the sixties," he recalls, "Hong Kong had only a few clubs. Now I am proud to see that it has 18 clubs; Macao has two, and Taiwan, many, many more."

Sir Kenneth played a key role in the Hong Kong club's support for construction of the \$2 million (HK) Technical Aids Research Centre in 1980–81, a joint project with the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation, which commemorated the 75th anniversary of Rotary International and the club's own 50th.

Says Sir Kenneth, "I must confess that what little achievement I have made during the past 48 years of my public life, I owe to Rotary's inspiration, especially its motto, 'Service Above Self.'"

Still a man of action at 73, Sir Kenneth finds time now and then to relax. He swims, plays golf, and is an avid fan of horse racing (he has been a member of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club for 53 years.) Photography is another delight, as is preparing sumptuous gourmet Chinese dishes for family and friends.

Today Sir Kenneth stands out as an eminent leader in Hong Kong, whose welfare and social development he has generously served. A strong promoter of international understanding, he is especially sensitive to change in the world community and, for his part, has worked to help Hong Kong keep pace with it. Writing for the *Hong Kong Standard* in 1981, he said, "In the past 50 years great changes have taken place in the ways of life of all races, classes, and creeds, with the pace accelerating at what appears to many of my generation to be a frightening and uncomfortable rate. The ability of the human race to adapt to these inexorable pressures presents a challenge which, in its own way, Rotary will accept with courage and determination." ●

● Victoria Bernard is a Hong Kong writer.

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## A LOOK BACK

1916-17 RI President Arch C. Klumph, who created the Rotary Endowment Fund (later renamed The Rotary Foundation of RI), meets with a pair of Boy Scouts in 1930. November is The Rotary Foundation Month, an ideal time to support the Foundation and its programs.

## CYCLING FOR THE CENTENNIAL

TO CELEBRATE Rotary's centennial, the Rotary Club of Ampang, Malaysia, sponsored a 100-kilometer (62.14-mile) cycling event to promote health and fellowship. The race, which drew 111 participants and a crowd of spectators, also raised funds for the club's scholarship program.

Rotarians hoped that the rally would help launch a cycling fellowship in the area. Club members from Teluk Intan, Kelana Jaya, Gombak, KL North, Port Klang, Putrajaya, Seremban, Bangsar, and KL di-Raja participated in the race, flagged off by 2003-04 District 3300 Governor Dr. Mahinder Singh.

Local Rotarians hoped the novelty of the event would help create an awareness of Rotary in the community. "It showed that Rotarians perspire and put in personal time for a charitable cause [in contrast to] the old view that Rotarians are old gentlemen who wear



Rotarians and other participants line up for a 100-kilometer cycling event to commemorate Rotary's centennial.

suits, have lunch, and give away checks," says past club President Donny Kwa, initiator of the project.

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## 10 prominent Rotarians

THIS SELECT LIST of leaders, representing various fields and professions, includes individuals who are or have been active or honorary members of Rotary clubs around the world.

1. **MICHEL DEBRÉ**, prime minister, France (Rotary Club of Amboise)
2. **MAURICE DENUZIÈRE**, writer, France (Rotary Club of Vitry-Sud-Est de Paris)
3. **WALT DISNEY**, animation filmmaker, USA (Rotary Club of Palm Springs, Calif.)
4. **JORGE FIDEL DURON**, minister of foreign affairs, Honduras (Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa; past RI director)
5. **THOMAS A. EDISON**, inventor, USA (Rotary Club of Orange, N.J.)
6. **MARCELO B. FERNAN**, chief justice of the Supreme Court, Philippines (Rotary Club of Cebu West)
7. **PRINCE FREDERIK** of Denmark (Rotary Club of Copenhagen)
8. **J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT**, senator, USA (Rotary Club of Fayetteville, Ark.)
9. **SIR KENNETH FUNG PING-FAN**, director of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., Hong Kong (Rotary Club of Hong Kong; past RI district governor)
10. **SIR W. HUDSON FYSH**, founder of Qantas Airlines, Australia (Rotary Club of Sydney)

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### QUOTES FROM ROTARY HISTORY

*"The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of brick and stone. If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with the full meaning of the spirit of Rotary ... we are engraving on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity."*

—1916-17 RI President Arch C. Klumph,  
The Rotarian, April 1929



1930年—馮秉芬（左立）與學生胞兄馮秉華同為香港大學中文學院學生，與父親馮平山太平紳士（前坐者）合照。  
1930 – Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (left standing) and twin brother Fung Ping-Wah were both students of the School of Chinese Studies, Hong Kong University. Photo taken with father Fung Ping-Shan, JP (sitting)

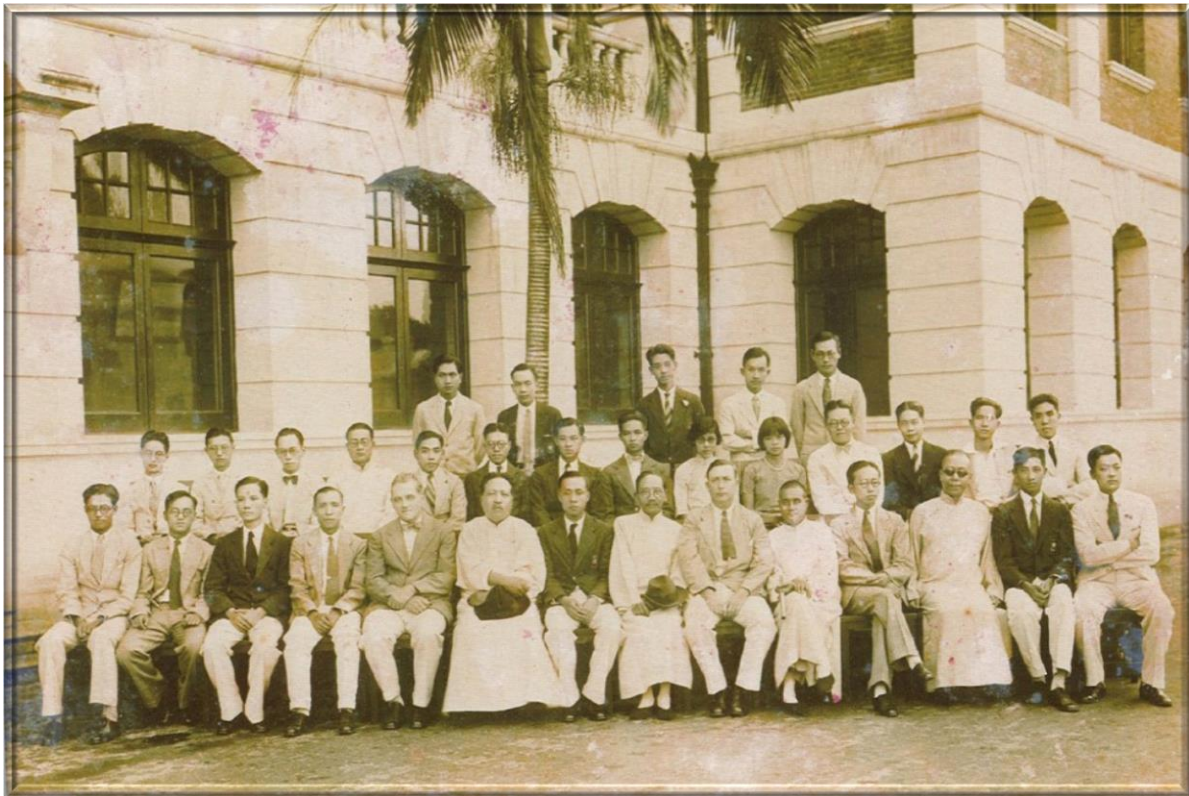


馮秉芬、簡笑嫻伉儷早年的五兒女全家福  
簡笑嫻父親簡東浦是香港扶輪社現職社員，職業分類「金融業—華人貸款銀行」。  
An early family photo of Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan with 4 sons and 1 daughter  
Fung's father-in-law Kan Tong-Po was an Active Member of Hong Kong Rotary Club  
with Classification: Finance--Chinese Loan Banking.



1930年香港大學中文學會成立，馮秉芬任主席，師生合影。

前排左五為馮平山(馮秉芬父親)，左七為馮秉芬，左八為周壽臣爵士，左九為大學校長康寧(香港扶輪社創社社長)。  
 A group photo of teachers and students in 1930 when the Chinese Studies Society of the Hong Kong University was inaugurated. Front row from the left, (L5) Fung Ping-Shan (Kenneth's father), (L7) Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan, (L8) Sir Shouson Chow, (L9) William Hornell, University Vice-Chancellor (Charter President of Hong Kong Rotary Club).



1931年，原國立北京大學校長蔡元培教授應香港大學中文學會的邀請，在大學堂作公開演講。  
 會後師生合影，前排左七為學會主席馮秉芬，左八為蔡元培教授。

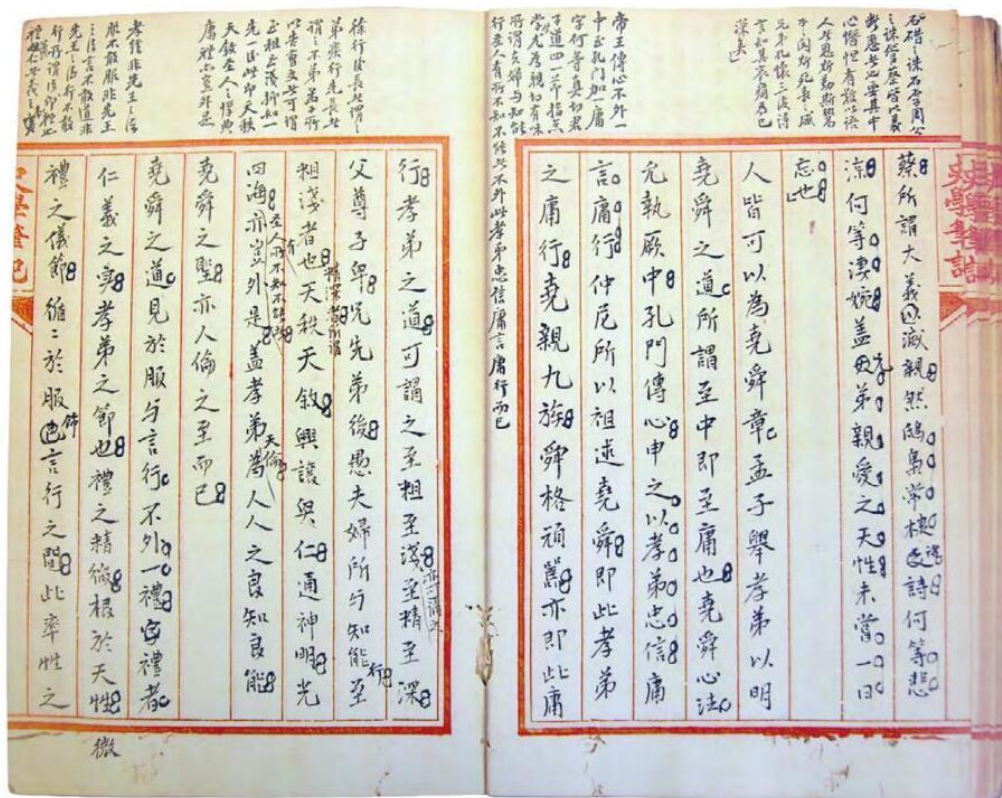
In 1931, Professor Ts'ai Yüan-p'ei, former president of National Peking University, was invited by the Chinese Studies Society of the Hong Kong University to give a public lecture in the university auditorium. Group photo after the lecture, front row from left: (L7) Society Chairman Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan, (L8) Professor Ts'ai Yüan-p'ei.



1931 年中華民國考試院戴季陶院長應中文學會之邀，到香港大學公開演講。

會後合照，照片中（左 7）大學校長康寧爵士；（左 8）戴季陶院長；（左 9）中文學會主席馮秉芬。

1931 --- Mr. Tai Chi-t'ao, President of Examination Yuan, Republic of China, was invited by the Chinese Studies Society to deliver a public speech at the University of Hong Kong. In this photo (L7) Sir William Hornell, University Vice-Chancellor; (L8) Mr. Tai Chi-t'ao; (L9) Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan, Chairman of the Chinese Studies Society.



馮秉芬在香港大學中文學院就讀時的筆記本

The notebook of Kenneth Fung when he was student in the School of Chinese Studies, University of Hong Kong

僑港新會商會小學聘書

學字第五十號

茲聘

利錦鸞先生為本校專任教員任期由一九五八年九月壹日起至一九五九年八月卅一日止其聘任辦法依照左列教員聘任規約辦理此聘

監督馮秉芬



一九五八年八月廿六日

僑港新會商會小學教員聘任規約

- (一) 教員須遵守香港教育司之教育法規，及本校一切規章，承本校監督校長之指示，擔任職務。
- (二) 教員須按時返校上課，及辦理日常該管事務遇有輪值，及委辦事項，均須負責處理。
- (三) 凡應出席之各項會議，及應負責指導之各項學生課外活動均須參加。
- (四) 此聘約任期屆滿，即行作廢，雙方不另行通知，如繼續聘任，則在此聘約期滿之前，一個月續發新聘約。
- (五) 每週授課，以三十三節為原則，薪津依照香港津貼學校教員待遇，每月月底支發，在聘任期內，任何假期，薪津一律照發，至於每年加薪辦法，照津貼學校則例辦理。
- (六) 在聘任期內，如教員辭職，應預先壹個月，書面通知本校監督以憑核辦。
- (七) 在聘任期內，本校監督，如認為教員未能稱職，得預先壹個月書面通知解聘，但教員在校任教，已滿六個月者。則此項通知之屆滿日期，不應在學校放假期中。或放假開始之日，(即七月八月內)
- (八) 如有特殊原因，本校須立即解除教員職務時，得由解聘之日起，另支發壹個月薪津即可解聘，如教員須即日辭職，應退回壹個月薪津。
- (九) 非經校長許可，教員不得隨意告假，或覓人代課，如請病假，必須醫生證明，由監督呈請教育司核准。
- (十) 女教員分號假期，以四十天為限，必須醫生證明，由監督預先呈請教育司核准。
- (十一) 凡專任教員，非經監督許可，不得兼任校外有給職務。
- (十二) 教員於接到聘書三日內，應送還簽署之應聘書，否則當為不願應聘，一經送還簽署之應聘書，即須履行聘約。

僑港新會商會小學教員聘書(1958年)，由學校監督馮秉芬簽發。

1958年，馮氏領導的僑港新會商會在上環居賢坊創辦學校，同年校舍落成，並於九月開始上課。

Teacher appointment letter of San Wui Commercial Society School (1958) issued by the School Supervisor Kenneth Fung Ping-fan. The San Wui Commercial Society sponsoring body, led by Fung, established the School at Kui In Fong, Sheung Wan, in 1958. The school building was completed in the same year, and classes were started in September.



1975年1月，香港首間麥當勞快餐店於銅鑼灣百德新街開業。馮秉芬爵士伉儷擔任主禮嘉賓，為開幕剪綵。  
 January 1975 -- Sir Kenneth Fung and Lady Ivy Fung were guests-of-honour to officiate the ribbon-cutting during the grand opening of the first McDonald's fast food restaurant in Hong Kong located at Paterson Street, Causeway Bay.



1978年1月17日—英國駐香港三軍司令中將夏卓賢爵士（左）在香港金鐘官邸向英國皇家救生會香港分會會長馮秉芬爵士頒發「人道奉獻精神獎狀」。  
 17 January 1978--The Commander British Forces, Lieutenant-General Sir John Archer (left), presents the Certificate for Devotion toward Humanity to Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan, President of the Royal Life Saving Society--Hong Kong Branch, at Flagstaff House, Admiralty, Hong Kong. (Getty Images)

# 海洋公園董事局主席

## 馮秉芬談大熊貓來港作客

### 透露曾經長時間與廣州方面商討終於實現



馮秉芬

行不單讓遊客大飽眼福，而且反映了動物園之間的又一次交流和協作。

馮秉芬說，自從海洋公園開幕以來，他就一直渴望在海洋公園裏可以出現熊貓，讓廣大居民和外來遊客欣賞到這種珍貴的動物。海洋公園方面亦曾一再向內地表達這一願望。經年來的醞釀和商討後，廣州動物園終於在今年九月份答應借出兩隻大熊貓，此一喜

【本報訊】海洋公園董事局主席馮秉芬昨日向記者表示，大熊貓寶玲和寶珊的到來，令海洋公園和居民都十分高興，它們此

訊頓時令海洋公園方面高興不已。其後的兩個多月內，海洋公園和廣州動物園方面一直共同籌備熊貓來港的事宜。海洋公園選擇了在地點適中的蕪苗園上興建熊貓館，並參照廣州動物園熊貓專家的意見進行設計，全館坐西北向東南，風向較好。附近地方亦長滿植物，並有空地讓觀眾排隊輪觀。

據悉，為了解決熊貓每天要吃的三十公斤竹葉，廣州動物園專家曾經到新界跑了兩天，但發覺適合的竹葉太少，大概只夠熊貓吃十來天，最後決定每天從廣州專程把竹葉運來。

又，據海洋公園發言人昨日表示，大熊貓寶玲和寶珊自前日下午入住熊貓館以來，健康情況良好，食慾正常。其中寶玲可能因為不習慣新環境，有點不開心，寶珊則在抵埗首天已顯得很大食，整天光顧着吃和玩，根本忘記了自己已身處異地。

December 1978 - Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-fan, Chairman of the Ocean Park Hong Kong, told the press that he had negotiated with Guangzhou Zoo to "borrow" two pandas be resettled in Ocean Park Hong Kong since September 1978.



1978年12月12日--香港公益金名譽副會長馮秉芬爵士(右二)

從香港日本人俱樂部會長榎戶洋介(左二)手中接過一張捐款港幣152,068元的支票。

12 December 1978 -- Sir Kenneth Ping-fun Fung (R2), vice-patron of The Community Chest of Hong Kong received from President of the Hong Kong Japanese Club, Yosuke Enokido (L2), a cheque donating for HK\$152,068. (Getty Images)



1979年4月14日--馮秉芬爵士伉儷接受廣東省新會市平山小學校學生的熱烈歡迎。

該校於1917年由馮爵士先父馮平山先生出資創辦。

14 April 1979--Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan and Lady Ivy Fung receive warm welcome from pupils of the Ping Shan Primary School in the township of Xinhui, Guangdong Province. The school was established in 1917 by the late Mr. Fung Ping-Shan, father of Sir Kenneth. (Getty Images)



1979年3月2日—英皇御准香港賽馬會董事馮秉芬爵士（右）將兩輛貨車的鑰匙交給香港盲人輔導會總幹事施同福牧師，這些貨車是賽馬會捐贈給盲人會的。施同福牧師曾於1964-1965年度擔任九龍扶輪社社長。

2 March 1979-- Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (right), a steward of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club, hands over keys of two vans to Rev. Karl L. Stumpf, Director of the Hong Kong Society for the Blind. The vans are donated to the Society by the Jockey Club. Karl L. Stumpf was President 1964-1965 of the Rotary Club of Kowloon. (Getty Images)



1980年香港大學中文學會金禧紀念開幕禮，創會主席馮秉芬爵士（左三）應邀主禮，左二為香港大學黃麗松校長。

1980 -- At the opening ceremony of the Golden Jubilee of the Chinese Studies Society of the Hong Kong University, Founding Chairman Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (L3) was invited to officiate, accompanying was Dr. Rayson Huang (L2), the University Vice-Chancellor.



1971年3月—香港聯合書院董事會主席馮秉芬議員(左二)視察位於香港中文大學沙田校園內的書院新校舍建築工地。  
 March 1971 – The Honourable Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (left 2), Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the United College, inspects the new construction site of the College located inside The Chinese University of Hong Kong campus in Shatin.



1981年10月 -- 香港聯合書院銀禧慶典禮  
 兩走讀生舍堂啟用，分別命名為「秉芬堂」及「百全堂」-- (左五) 馮秉芬爵士 (左六) 胡百全議員  
 October 1981 -- The Silver Jubilee of United College Anniversary Ceremony  
 Naming of two new non-residential student halls: Ping Fan Hall and Pak Chuen Hall  
 (left 5) Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan and (left 6) The Honourable P. C. Woo officiating



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## University News

### Council News



Dr. the Hon. Sir Kenneth Ping-fan Fung

Dr. the Hon. Sir Kenneth Ping-fan Fung has been appointed by the Board of Directors of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Foundation Ltd. (CUHK Foundation) as a Patron of the foundation for an initial term of five years immediately following his retirement from the University Council on 14th January 1992.

The CUHK Foundation has been established to promote the interest of the University and raise funds for University development.

Sir Kenneth has been associated with the University for over 30 years, and the University is appreciative of his dedicated service and contributions over the past decades, as chairman of the Board of

Trustees of United College, as member of the Provisional Council of the University, as chairman of the Committee for the Installation of the First Vice-Chancellor and First Congregation for the Conferment of Honorary Degrees, and as member of the University Council. His appointment as Patron of the CUHK Foundation will enable the University to continue to benefit from his wise counsel and support.

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# 中大通訊

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## 大學消息

### 校董會消息

#### 馮秉芬爵士

馮秉芬爵士獲香港中文大學基金會有限公司（下稱中大基金會）董事會委任為基金會之贊助人，任期暫定五年，由一九九二年一月十四日馮爵士之大學校董任期屆滿後即時生效。

中大基金會之成立，旨在協助促進大學之發展，並為各項發展計劃籌措經費。

馮秉芬爵士與中大之聯繫，已有逾卅年之歷史，歷任聯合書院校董會主席、大學臨時校董、首任校長就職及首屆頒授榮譽學位典禮委員會主席、大學校董等要職。大學對馮爵士多年來所作之貢獻，至為感激。馮爵士出任中大基金會贊助人，大學將能繼續獲其指導及支持。





1979年2月27日—馮秉芬爵士在中區登上慈善的士，支持的士義載活動。  
約2,000名的士車主將收入捐給保良局，以資助社會服務。

27 February 1979 -- Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan boards a taxi to support a charity taxi drive campaign kicked off in Central District. About 2,000 taxi-owners will donate their income to the Po Leung Kuk to finance its social services.

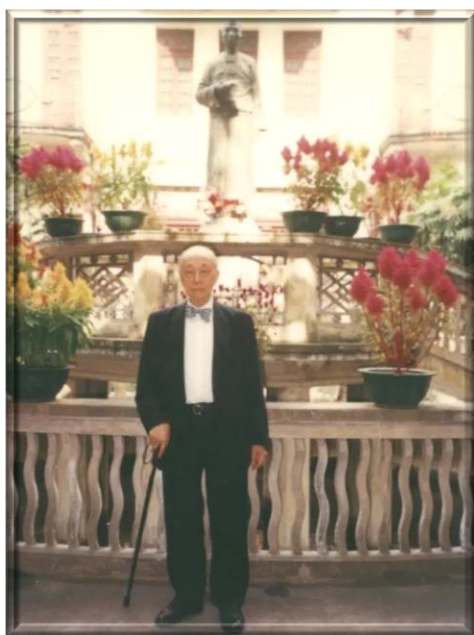


1996年1月15日—香港扶輪社父子扶輪社長：馮秉芬爵士，1949-50年度社長，1961-62年度國際扶輪345地區總監；  
馮慶彪醫生，1979-1980年度社長。

15 January 1996 – Father-and-Son Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong: Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan, Club President 1949-1950, R.I. District 345 Governor 1961-1962; Dr. Robert Fung Hing-Piu, Club President 1979-1980.



景堂圖書館近景，由馮平山太平紳士於1925年為紀念其父親馮景堂先生，即馮秉芬的祖父而創辦。  
The recent image of the Jingtang Library which was founded by Mr. Fung Ping-Shan, JP, in 1925  
in memorial of his father Mr. Fung Jing-Tang, i.e. the grandfather of Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan.

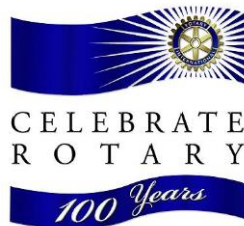


1998年---馮秉芬在景堂圖書館前的祖父景堂公銅像下留影  
1998---Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan took photo under the bronze statue of his grandfather in front of the Jingtang Library.

## 馮秉芬爵士---扶輪百年紀念提選的傑出社員



馮秉芬爵士 (Dr. The Honourable Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan, Kt, KStJ, CBE, *HonLLD (CUHK)*, *HonDSocSc (HKU)*, JP) (1911-2002)，商人政治家，獲國際扶輪(Rotary International)提選代表中國香港特別行政區的「百年傑出扶輪社員」(Prominent Rotarian of the Rotary Centennial)，那是 2005 年扶輪百年紀念。為了表彰扶輪 100 年來的服務，國際扶輪選出了一份代表各個領域和專業的傑出扶輪社員榜帖，其中包括曾經是世界各地扶輪社的現職或榮譽社員。(公告請閱讀第 9 頁)



馮秉芬是迄今為止，香港扶輪史上最年輕的扶輪社員。當年加入香港扶輪社(Hong Kong Rotary Club)時才 23 歲，於 1949-1950 年度出任社長，並於 1961-1962 年度當選國際扶輪 345 地區第二任總監。該地區由三個不同國家的三個不同領土組成：(1)中華民國臺灣省；(2)英國殖民地香港；(3)葡萄牙屬地澳門。在 1960 年 7 月 1 日 345 地區成立前，馮秉芬擔任了一年國際扶輪資政。另外，他兩度參加 1965-1966 年度和 1966-1967 年度國際扶輪理事選舉，但沒有成功。除此之外，馮秉芬還有兩名兒子慶麟(Lawrence)和慶彪(Robert)加入香港扶輪社，分別在 1973-1974 年度和 1979-1980 年度擔任社長。

馮秉芬是香港商人和政治人物，啟祥洋行創辦人，1947 年至 1997 年任東亞銀行董事。他自 1951 年至 1972 年任市政局首席非官守議員，也曾任行政立法兩局非官守議員，為當時香港的華人代表之一。

另一方面，馮秉芬熱心參與社會團體。除扶輪之外，曾分別任香港聖約翰救傷隊第六任總監、香港童軍總會副會長，而且出任過大量社會公職。馮秉芬亦參與過香港高等教育發展，他有份創辦香港中文大學，並分別出任過香港中文大學與香港大學董事，另自 1961 年至 1972 年擔任香港中文大學聯合書院董事會主席。作為香港銀行業、商業和工業界的優秀領導者之一，馮秉芬擁有豐富的個人經歷，主動精神的品質，傑出的領導力，值得我們的效仿。

## 中途輟學 步入商途

馮秉芬，祖籍大清國廣東省新會縣（今屬江門市新會區），1911年5月28日出生於英國殖民地香港。是馮平山太平紳士的第四個兒子，前面第三子是學生胞兄馮秉華。馮平山乃當地望族和著名華人企業家，除創辦兆豐行經營海味雜貨外，亦開辦維吉銀號及亦安銀號。後於1918年與簡東浦及李冠春創辦東亞銀行（Bank of East Asia），成為東亞銀行第一批入股股東及董事。

少年時的馮秉芬，在香港官立漢文中學（Government Vernacular Middle School）讀書。父親馮平山是1926年促成該學校創辦人之一，1951年殖民地政府為紀念前香港總督金文泰爵士（Sir Cecil Clementi）對香港中文教學的貢獻，將學校易名為「金文泰中學」（Clementi Secondary School）。

馮秉芬中學畢業後，與學生胞兄馮秉華升讀香港大學中文學院。大學肄業期間，1930年馮秉芬組織學生團體「中文學會」，任主席。1931年父親馮平山病逝，他當時只有19歲，即中途輟學，接手父親各項生意。馮氏其他兄弟姐妹繼續在香港及美國深造，後來，獲得博士榮銜者多人。

馮秉芬突然放下書本，從事商務，即使是商科畢業，一時也難以應付，何況他在校讀的是中國文學課。但是他向老一輩學習，加上有股「鑽勁」。因而對其父親屬下十多間龐大的華洋業務，不但能在短期內掌握業務箇中要訣，而且能大展宏圖。積極擴拓新業務，將集團業務邁向多元化，顯露出他經商的才能和魄力。馮秉芬秉承乃父風範，除令兆豐行的生意更上一層，取得「冬菇王」的綽號外，更成立馮秉芬有限公司。及後相繼開辦啟祥洋行、中華百貨、會德豐紗廠等，業務多元化發展。1932年，他就任華人置業有限公司董事司理。至30年代末期，馮秉芬憑著其父親馮平山創下的基業，憑著他個人的奇才魄力，憑著他獨有的商業手腕，在香港地產界、工商界、貿易界、運輸界、銀行界、保險界、傳播界、甚至飲食界等都占有一席之地。

1937年馮秉芬轉入東亞銀行，由會計遞升為經理。第二次世界大戰後，於1947年起出任東亞銀行董事，至1997年卸任，期間曾於1963年至1969年任該行總經理。

此外，1950年代至1970年代也是馮秉芬在香港商界的黃金時代。集團生意穩步發展，他出任的商界職務包括啟祥洋行董事長、馮秉芬有限公司永遠董事長、仙力有限公司永遠董事長、華人置業有限公司董事局主席、華人置業財務有限公司主席、香港珍珠有限公司董事長、兆豐行有限公司董事長、愛華啟祥有限公司董事會主席、星三有限公司董事長、會德豐紗廠董事、彪采（香港）有限公司董事、克喬萊（香港）有限公司董事等等。此外，他也曾任聯大建築、祥興建造、大業建設、東方置業、南華保險、豐裕有限公司、開利冷氣工程有限公司等機構的董事。

至1960年代，當香港海外貿易尚是萌芽時期，馮秉芬高瞻遠矚，大力拓展香港海外市場。他極力引進新技術、新產品來加強香港爭取海外市場的能力，增加出口數字。他歷任香港對外貿易首席代表，不辭勞苦遠赴世界各地，開拓香港海外市場。為香港出口產品打開國際市場之門，爭取更多貿易機會。從此，香港出口數字每年都有顯著增多。出口貨品，無論質量還是數量，都能與其他東南亞市場產品媲美，為香港經濟的繁榮立下了功勳。

在1969年，馮秉芬將集團生意交予兒子打理。後於1975年，他的三子馮慶鏘及四子馮慶炤與伍日照合作，成功取得麥當勞（McDonald's）的香港經營權，把麥當勞漢堡快餐引入香港。（圖見第14頁）

## 輝煌事業

進入1980年代，馮秉芬集團招攬更多的專業人才加盟，加強管理制度。精益求精，業務更趨多元化。他以靈活的經營手法，適應瞬息萬變的市場。在激烈的市場競爭中，形成自己獨特的用人之道。他認為，用人不疑，疑人不用。並且要用誠實的人，不宜選擇那些絕頂聰明卻欠誠實的。一個雖然不十分

聰明但極誠實的人，只要虛心學習幾年，就會成材。他還認為，經營者只有從低層做起，才可知道行業的弊端和好處。那樣就能運用常識、判斷力做大事。其次，他認為做生意，做朋友，切忌互相猜疑。否則，事業上就不能成功。還有，馮秉芬事業上的成功，還應歸功於他立身處世，做事周到，平易近人的作風。

馮秉芬在 1993 年將他擁有的啟祥集團（港交所代號 0632）上市，並任集團主席。啟祥集團曾經代理過護潔面紙、得寶面紙（Tempo）、貴族飲品、紅提鮮飲品、紫荊護膚品、萊斯家庭電器及愛華影音（AIWA）等產品。也曾是上環兆豐行大廈（建於 1987 年）及淺水灣麗都商場（已出售並重建發展為 The Pulse）的大業主。但由於業務過度發展，以及於 1997 年在廣東省投資造紙廠失利，集團先後失去得寶面紙和愛華影音的代理權。而且還債台高築，要不斷變賣股權和房產抵債。馮秉芬於 2000 年卸任主席後，啟祥集團長期虧蝕，在 2002 年出售給招商局集團變成招商迪辰，再變成現時的東方明珠石油。而他 2002 年去世時，身家亦因此大幅縮水至只剩下大約 4 億元。

## 公職與慈善

幾十年來，馮秉芬除了積極發展其屬下業務，為香港的繁榮和進步作出貢獻之外，一直關心社會，熱心公益。貫徹實行其父遺志，對社會公益事業盡心盡力。他曾為香港動盪的時局及戰亂付出愛心和關懷。1941 年，太平洋戰爭爆發，香港慘遭戰火浩劫。馮氏家族並無離開香港，移民外地。相反，他更積極投入社會工作，並協助維持香港民心安定。

馮秉芬曾長年於香港立法機關供職，他曾自 1951 年至 1960 年任市政局(Urban Council)首席非官守議員，1959 年至 1965 年為立法局(Legislative Council)非官守議員，後於 1962 年至 1972 年出任行政局(Executive Council)非官守議員。在任內，他相當關注貿易事務，曾於 1953 年及 1955 年分別出任錫蘭及東京的亞洲遠東經濟委員會首席代表，1963 年為柏林國際展覽會香港副代表，以及在 1965 年為東京國際展覽會香港首席代表。在兩局期間，馮秉芬亦嘗任香港港口交通服務委員會委員、扣留事件複審委員會委員。自 1957 年至 1966 年，任香港旅遊協會管理委員會委員。馮秉芬在兩局內深受香港政府重視，香港總督戴麟趾爵士(Sir David Clive Crosbie Trench)曾形容他「是非官守議員之中，最『中國化』的一個，不常發言，但備受華人社會尊重，能反映華人的主流意見。」而布政司鍾逸傑爵士(Sir David Akers-Jones)亦曾經形容馮秉芬是「一個聰明及作風謹慎的議員，跟他共事時十分愉快」。

另一方面，馮秉芬曾參與不少社會團體。除扶輪社外，馮秉芬亦熱心參與香港聖約翰救傷隊(St. John Ambulance Brigade)的服務，並在 1953 年至 1958 年任救傷隊第六任總監，是香港聖約翰於 1884 年成立以來的首位華人總監。馮秉芬後來更代表聖約翰救傷隊任榮譽總督副官(Honorary Governor's Aide-de-Camp)，是首位華人出任此職位。出任榮譽總督副官期間，他一共歷任 4 任香港總督及護督。馮秉芬也參與過童軍運動，曾任香港童軍總會副會長凡二十年，1976 年獲英國聯邦童軍理事會頒授「銀橡實」獎章，1985 年再獲香港童軍總會頒授最高獎項「金龍勳章」。

除上述團體外，馮秉芬於 1961 年任愛丁堡公爵獎勵計劃(Duke of Edinburgh's Award)香港委員會首屆主席；亦出任過香港管弦協會(Hong Kong Philharmonic Society)會長、香港攝影學會(The Photographic Society of Hong Kong)會長、英國皇家救生會香港分會(Royal Life Saving Society--Hong Kong Branch)會長、醫療輔助隊(Auxiliary Medical Service)委員、香港外展信託基金(Outward Bound Trust of Hong Kong)委員、國際痲瘋救濟會香港協會(The Leprosy Mission HK Auxiliary)委員、皇家亞洲學會香港分會(Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong)會員，以及金文泰中學(Clementi Secondary School)第一屆校友會主席等等。退任公職後，他繼續致力公益，創辦世界野生生物基金會(World Wild Life Fund-Hong Kong)、香港海洋公園(Ocean Park Hong Kong)、香港藝術中心(Hong Kong Arts Centre)等，為港人提供不少消閒及藝術活動。

馮秉芬是英皇御准香港賽馬會(The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club)董事，曾擁有一名下馬匹「好趣 Good Fun」(圖見第5頁)。1978年賽馬會發生「馬伕風潮」，600多名馬伕實行「按章工作」行動。致使馬匹患病，馬迷吊癮，賽馬會損失超過2億港元，幾經談判也無法達成協議。後來，由馮秉芬與馬伕代表作最後協商，至今風潮平息。此乃因馮秉芬平易近人，處事周到至使眾人信服。

## 熱心支持教育

馮秉芬處世做人，除了像父親生前那樣濟世利群，熱心公益，服務社群之外，在推廣教育、興學育才方面，也像他父親生前那樣不遺餘力，而且發揚光大。

馮秉芬對香港教育貢獻良多，他本人除出任香港政府高等教育研究委員會委員、大學及理工教育資助委員會委員，亦參與過香港高等教育發展。他有份創辦香港中文大學，並分別出任過香港中文大學與香港大學董事。1961年至1972年又任香港聯合書院董事會主席，後來於書院成立「馮秉芬獎學金」，獎勵於「德智體群美」五育中皆有傑出表現的優秀學生。至於在中小學方面，馮秉芬曾於1955年創立僑港新會商會建校委員會。僑港新會商會在香港辦有四所中小學，包括新會商會陳白沙紀念中學、新會商會中學、新會商會學校、新會商會港青基信學校(和香港基督教青年會於2013年合辦的小學)。

## 秉承父志守書香

景堂圖書館，是廣東省江門市新會區的一家圖書館，現為中國一級圖書館以及廣東省古籍重點保護單位，館址在會城仁壽路16號。圖書館由馮平山創建於1925年，館舍面積1,250平方米，命名「景堂」係為紀念父親馮景堂先生。1931年馮平山病逝後，馮秉芬繼承先父遺志，積極資助，支持景堂圖書館日常運營。

1937年日本帝國全面入侵中華民國，日本軍隊長驅直下燒殺搶掠，新會岌岌可危。在馮秉芬及胞兄馮秉華的精心部署下，景堂圖書館順利把一部分圖書疏散到鄉村繼續服務，一部分圖書運去香港寄存，盡最大限度保護館藏圖書，守住景堂書香。

1945年抗日戰爭結束後，馮秉芬決定復辦景堂圖書館。由於當時館舍被新會縣政府借用，直到1948年6月，馮秉芬與時任縣長李務滋協商，將景堂圖書館館舍交還馮家。1948年8月，馮秉芬委託身在廣州的李文象籌備復辦景堂圖書館，並給予全力支持。在馮秉芬安排下，戰時存在香港的一萬多冊藏書經長途跋涉，最終順利運回新會。馮秉芬還為景堂圖書館購置新書，充實館藏。在社會各界共同努力下，歷經戰火的景堂圖書館於1948年10月重新開放，再次為大眾打開「智識寶庫」大門。

無礙政權的轉變，由1948年10月復館至1966年10月，馮秉芬一直負責景堂圖書館所有經費。經歷了「無產階級文化大革命」長達十年的浩劫，1979年1月，中華人民共和國新會市人民政府僑務工作撥亂反正，景堂圖書館恢復，景堂公銅像復位。4月，馮秉芬伉儷回鄉參加景堂圖書館建館54周年慶典。馮秉芬眼見圖書館發展良好，願意繼承父志，積極資助和支援圖書館發展。

1986年，馮秉芬與胞弟馮秉芹捐資擴建景堂圖書館新館舍。新館舍於1988年建成，樓高四層，功能齊全，建築面積達4,030平方米，與舊樓相互連通，景堂圖書館總面積增至5,280平方米。

在景堂圖書館新館舍四樓，馮秉芬出資建造了一個住宅單元，以方便子孫後代回館居住。讓後代記住景堂圖書館裡有他們的家，希望他們能一如既往地關心支持圖書館發展，薪火相傳。

## 生平年表

1911年5月28日馮秉芬出生，是東亞銀行聯合創始人馮平山太平紳士的第四個兒子。

1930年馮秉芬任香港大學中文學會創會主席。

1931年 19歲的馮秉芬還是香港大學中文學院的學生，父親馮平山突然去世。克紹箕裘，他必須即時肩負管理父親遺下的一個複雜商業組織的責任。

1934年 23歲的馮秉芬加入香港扶輪社，成為香港扶輪史上最年輕的社員。

1939年 28歲的馮秉芬創立馮秉芬集團。

1947年-1997年 東亞銀行董事，1965年至1969年兼任行長。

1948年-2002年 香港大學終身校董。

1949年7月1日-1950年6月30日 馮秉芬擔任香港扶輪社社長。

1951年5月25日-1960年3月31日--香港總督葛量洪爵士(Sir Alexander Grantham)委任為香港市政局首席非官守議員。

1952年 香港總督葛量洪爵士(Sir Alexander Grantham)委任為終身香港非官守太平紳士。

1953年-1958年 香港聖約翰救傷隊第六任總監

1958年 英國女王伊莉莎白二世授予耶路撒冷聖約翰醫院德望崇隆榮譽團爵級正義司令勳章 (Knight of Justice of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, K.St.J.)

1958年 英國女王伊莉莎白二世授予大英帝國最優秀官佐勳章 (Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, O.B.E.)。

1959年7月8日-1965年6月23日 香港總督柏立基爵士(Sir Robert Brown Black) 委任為香港立法會非官守議員。

1961年7月1日-1962年6月30日 馮秉芬擔任國際扶輪345地區第二任總監，轄區包括：(1) 中華民國(臺灣省部分)；(2) 英國殖民地香港；(3) 葡萄牙屬地澳門。年度主題是「努力行動，對了解鋪路，提升領導力」。

1961年 香港愛丁堡公爵獎勵計劃創會主席

1962年-1972年 香港總督柏立基爵士(Sir Robert Brown Black) 委任為香港行政局非官守議員。

1962年-1972年 香港中文大學聯合書院董事會主席。

1963-1992 香港中文大學董事會董事。

1965年 英國女王伊莉莎白二世授予大英帝國最優秀司令勳章 (Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, C.B.E.)。

1965年 出席日本東京國際貿易展香港首席代表。

1968年 香港中文大學授予榮譽法學博士學位。

1969年 香港大學授予名譽社會科學博士學位。

1969年 日本天皇授予勳三等瑞寶中綬章。

1971-1974 香港聖約翰救護機構理事會主席

1971年 香港海洋公園共同創辦人，並擔任海洋公園有限公司首任董事局主席。

1972 年 英國女王伊莉莎白二世授予下級勳位爵士(Knight Bachelor)。

1972-1978 年 聯合世界書院(United World Colleges)香港委員會首任主席

1975 年 馮秉芬集團購買了麥當勞的特許經營權，並將快餐店引入香港。

1976 年 為表彰馮秉芬長期擔任香港童軍總會副會長的功績，英國聯邦童軍理事會授予銀橡實獎章。

1981 年 世界野生生物基金會(World Wildlife Fund)在香港成立。馮秉芬爵士、郭志權博士（香港扶輪社 1980-1981 年度社長）分別當選世界野生生物基金會香港分會首任會長、主席。

1985 年 日本天皇授予勳二等瑞寶重光章。

1985 年 為表彰長期擔任香港童軍總會副會長的功績，香港童軍總領袖、總督尤德爵士(Sir Edward Yude)頒授金龍勳章--非制服委員的最高獎項。

1992 年 中國廣東省新會市人民政府授予「榮譽市民」稱號。

1992-1997 擔任香港中文大學基金贊助人

1993 年 中國廣東省江門市人民政府授予「榮譽市民」稱號。

1993 年-2000 年 啟祥集團主席

2002 年 馮秉芬於 2002 年 5 月 16 日在香港港安醫院去世，享年 91 歲。

## 青史留名

馮秉芬堂：香港屯門良景村新會商會中學禮堂

秉芬堂：位於香港中文大學聯合書院校園內，為該書院的兩個走讀生聯誼組織之一。

馮秉芬爵士圖書館：位於香港北角炮台山道 30 號金文泰中學校舍內

馮秉芬教學樓：位於廣東省江門市新會區平山小學校園內

馮秉芬爵士堂：位於原五邑工商總會馮平山夫人李穎璋學校校舍內(2009 年停辦)

馮秉芬爵士室：馮秉芬爵士室暨學校執行處辦事處開幕典禮於 2007 年 3 月 30 日（星期五）晚上在香港青年獎勵計劃總辦事處舉行，並邀得馮秉芬爵士兩位兒子--馮慶彪醫生和馮慶鏘先生，與獎勵計劃現任主席范佐浩先生為「馮秉芬爵士室」主持開幕儀式。此會客室的設立，主要是紀念愛丁堡公爵獎勵計劃 1961 年創會主席馮秉芬爵士，為獎勵計劃奠下基石。

