Rotarians served the British Crown Colony Hong Kong Legislative Council

As Presidents / Members / Secretary General

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The old Supreme Court building has been the house of the Legislative Council from 1985 until 2011.

This article attempts to list out those Rotarians who had served the British Crown Colony Hong Kong Legislative Council (英屬香港立法局) as Presidents (主席) / Members (議員) / Secretary General (秘書長) before 1 July 1997, in alphabetical order of their surnames.

The Legislative Council of the British Crown Colony Hong Kong was set up in 1843 for the first time as a colonial legislature under British rule. Hong Kong's first constitution, in the form of Queen Victoria's letters patent, issued on 27 June 1843 and titled the 《Charter of the Colony of Hong Kong》, authorized the establishment of the Legislative Council to advise the Governor of Hong Kong's administration. The Council had four official members including the Governor who was President of the Council when it was first established. The 《Letters Patent of 1888》, which replaced the 1843 Charter, added the significant words "and consent" after the words "with the advice". The Legislative Council was initially set up as the advisory body to the Governor, and for the most of the time, consisted half of official members, who were the government officials seated in the Council, and half of unofficial members who were appointed by the Governor.

After the 《Sino-British Joint Declaration》 was signed on 19 December 1984 (in which the United Kingdom agreed to transfer the sovereignty of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China on 1 July 1997), the Hong Kong Government decided to start the process of democratization based on the consultative document, 《Green Paper: the Further Development of Representative Government in Hong Kong》 on 18 July 1984. The first elections to the Council were held in 1985, followed by the first direct elections of the Legislative Council held in 1991. The Legislative Council became a fully elected legislature for the first time in 1995 and extensively expanded its functions and organizations throughout the last years of the colonial rule until 30 June 1997.



Sir David AKERS-JONES (鍾逸傑爵士), KBE, CMG, MA (Oxon), JP

**Honorary Member, New Territories Rotary Club

7 January 1987 - 8 April 1987

Appointed (Official - Acting the Governor) (President of the Council)

12 June 1985 - 10 December 1986

Appointed (Ex officio - Chief Secretary)

27 February 1985 - 27 February 1985

Appointed (Ex officio - Acting Chief Secretary)

13 July 1983 - 10 August 1983

Appointed (Official - Acting Secretary for Home Affairs)

2 February 1983 - 6 February 1985

Appointed (Official - Secretary for District Administration)

11 November 1982 - 19 January 1983

Appointed (Official - Secretary for City and New Territories Administration)

30 June 1982 - 28 July 1982

Appointed (Ex officio - Acting Secretary for Home Affairs)

9 December 1981 - 16 June 1982

Appointed (Official - Secretary for City and New Territories Administration)

10 April 1974 - 25 November 1981 **

Appointed (Official - Secretary for the New Territories)

7 November 1973 - 27 March 1974

Appointed (Official - District Commissioner, New Territories)**

18 July 1973 - 1 August 1973

Appointed (Official - Acting Secretary for the Environment)



Denis Campbell BRAY (黎敦義), CMG, CVO, MA (Cambridge), BA (London), JP

**Honorary Member, New Territories Rotary Club

18 July 1984 - 18 July 1984

Appointed (Ex officio - Acting Chief Secretary)

19 January 1977 - 2 February 1977

Appointed (Ex officio - Acting Chief Secretary)

11 February 1976 - 11 February 1976

Appointed (Ex officio - Acting Chief Secretary)

12 November 1973 - 20 December 1984

Appointed (Ex officio - Secretary for Home Affairs)



Appointed (Official - District Commissioner, New Territories)

22 July 1970 - 16 December 1970

Appointed (Ex officio - Acting Secretary for Home Affairs)



Sir Andrew CALDECOTT (郝德傑爵士), GCMG, KBE, BA (Oxon)
Charter President 1929-1930 Kuala Lumpur Rotary Club, Federated Malay
States

12 December 1935 - 14 April 1937 (President of the Council)
Appointed (Official - The Governor)



Jackie CHAN Chai-keung (陳濟強), BEng (New South Wales)
President 1989-1990 Kowloon West Rotary Club
30 October 1985 - 25 August 1988
Elected (Electoral College - South Kowloon)



Moses CHENG Mo-chi (鄭慕智), PCLL (HKU), LLB (HKU) Charter President 1983-1984 Hong Kong Northeast Rotary Club Rotary International District 3450 Governor 1993-1994 Chairman 1994-1995 Rotary International Asian Affairs Committee 9 October 1991 - 31 July 1995 Appointed (Unofficial)



Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung (張人龍), CBE, OStJ, BA (Sun Yat Sen), JP Charter Member, President 1971-1972 New Territories Rotary Club 12 October 1988 - 22 August 1991 Elected (Electoral College - Provisional Regional Council) 30 October 1985 - 25 August 1988 Appointed (Unofficial) 7 October 1981 - 7 August 1985

Appointed (Unofficial)



Sir Shouson Chow (周壽臣爵士), Kt, JP Active Member, Hong Kong Rotary Club 8 December 1921 – 22 December 1931 Appointed (Unofficial)



Dr. Harry FANG Sin-yang (方心讓醫生), OBE, HonLLD (HKU), FRCP, FSICOT, FBOA, FRACS, FACS, FRCS, MOrth (Liverpool), MBBS (HKU), JP Honorary Member, Hong Kong Rotary Club 3 July 1974 - 12 September 1985 Appointed (Unofficial)



Hugh Moss Gerald FORSGATE (霍士傑), OBE, JP *Active Member, Kowloon Rotary Club* 19 July 1972 - 14 August 1974 Appointed (Unofficial)



FUNG Hon-chu (馮漢柱), OBE, JP

Charter President 1954-1955 Hong Kong Island West Rotary Club
10 January 1968 - 8 July 1970 (Resigned on 8 July 1970)

Appointed (Unofficial)
8 August 1962 - 9 January 1968

Appointed (Unofficial)



Kenneth FUNG Ping-fan (馮秉芬), CBE, KStJ, JP President 1949-1950 Hong Kong Rotary Club Rotary International District 345 Governor 1961-1962 8 July 1959 - 23 June 1965 (Resigned on 23 June 1965) Appointed (Unofficial)



Ir. Dr. Raymond HO Chung-tai (何鍾泰博士), SBS, SBStJ, PhD (CUL), JP President 1985-1986 Kowloon West Rotary Club 1 October 2008 - 30 September 2012

Elected (Functional Constituency - Engineering)

1 October 2004 - 30 September 2008

Elected (Functional Constituency - Engineering)

1 October 2000 - 30 September 2004

Elected (Functional Constituency - Engineering)

1 July 1998 - 30 June 2000

Elected (Functional Constituency - Engineering)

21 December 1996 - 30 June 1998

Elected (by Selection Committee)



Edward HO Sing-tin (何承天), SBS, ARIBA, FHKIA, BArch (HKU), JP President 1986-1987 Kowloon Rotary Club

1 July 1998 - 30 June 2000

Elected (Functional Constituency - Architectural, Surveying and Planning)

21 December 1996 - 30 June 1998

Elected (by Selection Committee)

11 October 1995 - 30 June 1997

Elected (Functional Constituency - Architectural, Surveying and Planning)

9 October 1991 - 31 July 1995

Elected (Functional Constituency - Architectural, Surveying and Planning)

12 October 1988 - 22 August 1991

Appointed (Unofficial)

1 October 1987 - 25 August 1988

Appointed (Unofficial)



HU Fa-kuang (胡法光), OBE, BEng (SJTU), JP Active Member, Hong Kong Rotary Club 30 October 1985 - 25 August 1988 Appointed (Unofficial) 10 October 1979 - 7 August 1985 Appointed (Unofficial)



Dr. Robert Hormus KOTEWALL (羅旭龢博士), CMG, HonLLD (HKU) Charter Member, Hong Kong Rotary Club 28 March 1923 - 3 October 1935 Appointed (Unofficial)



KWOK Chan (郭贊), CBE, KStJ, JP President 1951-1952 Hong Kong Rotary Club 14 May 1952 - 27 June 1962 Appointed (Unofficial)



Dr. Richard LAI Sung-lung (雷聲隆博士), PhD (Leeds)
Past President, Tsuen Wan Rotary Club
30 October 1985 - 20 July 1988
Elected (Electoral College - New Territories (South))



Daniel LAM Wai-keung (林偉強), SBS, BBA (St. Olaf), JP Honorary Member, Channel Islands Rotary Club
1 October 2004 - 30 September 2008
Elected (Functional Constituency - Heung Yee Kuk)
12 October 1988 - 22 August 1991
Elected (Electoral College - New Territories (South))



LAU Wah-sum (劉華森), OBE, FHKSA, FCMA, JP President 1996-1997 Hong Kong Rotary Club 9 October 1991 - 31 July 1995 Appointed (Unofficial) 12 October 1988 - 22 August 1991 Appointed (Unofficial)



Dr. LAU Wong-fat (劉皇發博士), GBM, OBE, HonLLD (CUPSL), JP Honorary Member, New Territories Rotary Club
1 October 2012 - 30 September 2016
Elected (Functional Constituency - Heung Yee Kuk)

1 October 2008 - 30 September 2012

Elected (Functional Constituency - Heung Yee Kuk)

1 October 2004 - 30 September 2008

Elected (Functional Constituency - District Council)

1 October 2000 - 30 September 2004

Elected (Functional Constituency - Heung Yee Kuk)

1 July 1998 - 30 June 2000

Elected (Functional Constituency - Heung Yee Kuk)

21 December 1996 - 30 June 1998

Elected (by Selection Committee)

11 October 1995 - 30 June 1997

Elected (Functional Constituency - Rural)

9 October 1991 - 31 July 1995

Elected (Functional Constituency - Rural)

12 October 1988 - 22 August 1991

Appointed (Unofficial)

23 May 1986 - 25 August 1988

Elected (Electoral College - Regional Council)

30 October 1985 - 31 March 1986

Elected (Electoral College - Provisional Regional Council)



Dr. Allen LEE Peng-fei (李鵬飛博士), CBE, HonLLD (CUHK), HonDEng (HKPolyU), BS (Michigan), JP

**Honorary Member, Tai Po Rotary Club

21 December 1996 - 30 June 1998

Elected (by Selection Committee)

11 October 1995 - 30 June 1997

Elected (Geographical Constituency - New Territories North-east)

9 October 1991 - 31 July 1995**

Appointed (Unofficial)

12 October 1988 - 22 August 1991

30 October 1985 - 25 August 1988

Appointed (Unofficial)

Appointed (Unofficial)

Appointed (Unofficial)



Dr. LI Shu-fan (李樹芬醫生), FICS, FRCS, FCCP, MBBS (Edinburgh), JP President 1938-1939 Hong Kong Rotary Club Governor 1947-1948 Rotary International 96th District Charter Member 1954, Hong Kong Island West Rotary Club 3 February 1937 - 16 January 1941 Appointed (Unofficial)



LO Kwee-seong (羅桂祥), OBE, BA (*HKU*), JP

Charter Member; President 1960-1961 Hong Kong Island West Rotary Club
8 July 1970 - 21 June 1972

Appointed (Unofficial)



Sir Man-kam LO (羅文錦爵士), Kt, CBE, JP President 1934-1935 Hong Kong Rotary Club 9 November 1935 - 5 June 1950 (Resigned on 5 June 1950) Appointed (Unofficial)



Sir Rogerio Hyndman LOBO (羅保爵士), Kt, CBE, HonLLD (HKU), JP Honorary Member, Hong Kong Rotary Club 5 July 1972 - 7 August 1985
Appointed (Unofficial) 26 April 1967 - 17 May 1967
Appointed (Unofficial)



Donald Collin Cumyn LUDDINGTON (陸鼎堂), JP

**Honorary Member, New Territories Rotary Club

26 May 1971 - 9 May 1973

Appointed (Ex officio - Secretary for Home Affairs)

23 April 1969 - 24 March 1971 **

Appointed (Official - District Commissioner, New Territories)



Ian Francis Cluny MACPHERSON (麥法誠), OBE, MA (*Oxon*), JP
**Honorary Member, New Territories Rotary Club
30 October 1985 - 25 June 1986
Appointed (Official - Secretary for Transport)
27 February 1985 - 7 August 1985
Appointed (Official - Secretary for Transport)

27 June 1984 - 25 July 1984 Appointed (Ex officio - Acting Secretary for Home Affairs)

16 May 1984 - 30 May 1984

Appointed (Official - Acting Secretary for District Administration)

5 October 1983 - 5 October 1983

Appointed (Official - Acting Secretary for District Administration)

9 December 1981 - 29 June 1983 **

Appointed (Official - Regional Secretary (New Territories), City and New

Territories Administration)

7 October 1981 - 25 November 1981

Appointed (Official - Director of Administration and Environmental Affairs)

22 May 1974 - 19 June 1974

Appointed (Official - Acting Secretary for the New Territories)

9 May 1973 - 1 August 1973

Appointed (Official - Acting District Commissioner, New Territories)



John Louis MARDEN (馬登), BA (Cambridge), JP President 1964-1965 Hong Kong Rotary Club Rotary International District 345 Governor 1967-1968 4 August 1971 - 18 August 1971 (14 days) Appointed (Unofficial)



Sir Henry Edward POLLOCK (普樂爵士), Kt, KC, HonLLD (HKU) Active Member, Hong Kong Rotary Club 20 December 1928 - 12 September 1940 Appointed (Unofficial) 28 June 1928 - 20 September 1928 Appointed (Ex officio - Acting Attorney General) 4 December 1925 - 26 April 1928 Appointed (Unofficial) 14 May 1925 - 23 November 1925 Appointed (Ex officio - Acting Attorney General) 23 December 1919 - 5 March 1925 Appointed (Unofficial) 10 April 1919 - 31 October 1919 Appointed (Ex officio - Acting Attorney General) 22 February 1906 - 27 February 1919 Appointed (Unofficial) 17 September 1903 - 17 May 1904 Appointed (Unofficial) 15 July 1901 - 5 December 1901 Appointed (Ex officio - Acting Attorney General) 1 October 1898 - 28 December 1899 Appointed (Ex officio - Acting Attorney General) 11 February 1896 - 7 December 1896



Sir William Edward Leonard Shenton, Kt *Charter Member, Hong Kong Rotary Club* 16 June 1927 - 19 March 1936 Appointed (Unofficial)

Appointed (Ex officio - Acting Attorney General)



Sir Wilfrid Thomas SOUTHORN (修頓爵士), KBE, CMG, HonLLD (HKU)

Honorary Member, Hong Kong Rotary Club

16 January 1936 - 19 March 1936

Appointed (Ex officio - Colonial Secretary)

9 November 1935 - 5 December 1935

Appointed (Official - The Officer Administering the Government)

13 June 1935 - 12 September 1935

Appointed (Official - The Officer Administering the Government)

1 December 1932 - 16 May 1935

Appointed (Ex officio - Colonial Secretary)

19 May 1932 - 10 November 1932

Appointed (Official - The Officer Administering the Government)

31 October 1929 - 7 April 1932

Appointed (Ex officio - Colonial Secretary)

24 October 1929 - 24 October 1929

Appointed (Official - The Officer Administering the Government)

24 January 1929 - 23 September 1929

Appointed (Ex officio - Colonial Secretary)

28 June 1928 - 27 December 1928

Appointed (Official - The Officer Administering the Government)

13 October 1927 - 1 December 1927

Appointed (Official - The Officer Administering the Government)

27 May 1926 - 15 September 1927

Appointed (Ex officio - Colonial Secretary)



William Ngartse Thomas TAM (譚雅士), JP Charter Member; President 1936-1937 Hong Kong Rotary Club 17 March 1939 - 13 November 1941 Appointed (Unofficial)



Dr. Maria TAM Wai-chu (譚惠珠博士), CBE, HonLLD (CUHK), LLB (London), JP

**Honorary Member, Tolo Harbour Rotary Club

21 December 1996 - June 1997

Elected (by Selection Committee) (Last Council meeting attended was on 21 June 1997)

12 October 1988 - 22 August 1991

Appointed (Unofficial)

30 October 1985 - 25 August 1988 **

Appointed (Unofficial)

1 September 1981 - 31 August 1985

Appointed (Unofficial)



TANG Ping-yuan (唐炳源), OBE, BSc (MIT), BSc (Tsing Hua), JP Charter President 1937, Wusih Rotary Club, China Active Member 1947-1949, Shanghai Rotary Club, China 10 January 1968 - 26 June 1968 (Resigned on 26 June 1968) Appointed (Unofficial) 8 July 1964 - 9 January 1968 Appointed (Unofficial)

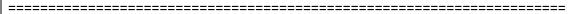


TSE Yu-chuen (謝雨川), OBE, JP

Charter Member; President 1957-1958 Hong Kong Island West Rotary Club
10 January 1968 - 17 June 1970 (Resigned on 17 June 1970)

Appointed (Unofficial)
8 July 1964 - 9 January 1968

Appointed (Unofficial)





Dr. TS'O Seen-wan (曹善允博士), CBE, HonLLD (HKU), JP Charter Member; President 1932-1933 Hong Kong Rotary Club 24 January 1929 - 6 January 1937 Appointed (Unofficial)



Wilson WANG Tze-sam (王澤森), OBE, BSc (*HKU*), JP President 1959-1960 Hong Kong Island East Rotary Club 10 January 1968 - 18 June 1975 Appointed (Unofficial) 20 December 1967 - 9 January 1968 Appointed (Unofficial)



Sir David Clive WILSON (衛奕信爵士), GCMG

Honorary Member, Hong Kong Rotary Club

9 October 1991 - 2 July 1992

Appointed (Official - The Governor) (President of the Council)

12 October 1988 - 22 August 1991

Appointed (Official - The Governor) (President of the Council)

9 April 1987 - 25 August 1988

Appointed (Official - The Governor) (President of the Council)



WONG Po-yan (黄保欣), CBE, BSc (Amoy), JP President 1974-1975 Kowloon West Rotary Club 30 October 1985 - 25 August 1988 Appointed (Unofficial) 10 October 1979 - 7 August 1985 Appointed (Unofficial)



Andrew WONG Wang-fat (黃宏發), OBE, MPA (*Syracuse*), BA (*HKU*), JP *Active Member*, *Shatin Rotary Club*1 October 2000 - 30 September 2004
Elected (Geographical Constituency - New Territories East)
1 July 1998 - 30 June 2000
Elected (Geographical Constituency - New Territories East)
21 December 1996 - 30 June 1998
Elected (by Selection Committee)
11 October 1995 - 30 June 1997 (President of the Council)

Elected (Geographical Constituency - New Territories South-east)

9 October 1991 - 31 July 1995 Elected (Geographical Constituency - New Territories East) 12 October 1988 - 22 August 1991 Elected (Electoral College - New Territories (East)) 30 October 1985 - 25 August 1988 Elected (Electoral College - New Territories (East))



James WU Man-hon (胡文瀚), OBE, BSc (Sun Yat Sen), JP President 1957-1958 Hong Kong Island East Rotary Club 5 July 1972 - 1 August 1979
Appointed (Unofficial)

Secretary General of the Council



Ricky FUNG Choi-cheung (馮載祥), SBS, BA (*HKU*), JP Active Member, Hong Kong Island West Rotary Club Secretary General 1994-2008, Hong Kong Legislative Council



Remarks:

After 1 July 1997, these 7 members carried on to serve, through elections, the Chinese Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Legislative Council (中華人民共和國香港特別行政區立法會):

- (1) Raymond HO Chung-tai (何鍾泰)
- (2) Edward HO Sing-tin (何承天)
- (3) Daniel LAM Wai-keung (林偉強)
- (4) LAU Wong-fat (劉皇發)
- (5) Andrew WONG Wang-fat (黃宏發)
- (6) Mrs. Anson CHAN (陳方安生)
- (7) Mrs. Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee (周梁淑怡)

APPENDIX

Rotary Wives served the Council



Dame Mrs. Anson CHAN (陳方安生爵士), GCMG, GBM, CBE, HonLLD (AUW), HonLLD (Sheffield), HonLLD (CUHK), HonDLitt (HKOU), HonLLD (Liverpool), HonLLD (HKU), HonLHD (Tufts), BA (HKU), JP Wife of Archibald John CHAN Tai-wing (陳棣榮), MBE, QPM, CPM, Secretary of Hong Kong Rotary Club

3 December 2007 - 30 September 2008

Elected (Geographical Constituency - Hong Kong Island) (Replaced Hon. MA Lik)

29 November 1993 - 31 July 1995

Appointed (Ex Officio - Chief Secretary)

11 October 1989 - 22 August 1991

Appointed (Official - Secretary for Economic Services)

13 July 1983 - 10 August 1983

Appointed (Official - Acting Director of Social Welfare)

2 June 1982 - 28 July 1982

Appointed (Official - Acting Director of Social Welfare)

10 June 1981 - 30 July 1981

Appointed (Official - Acting Director of Social Welfare)

28 May 1980 - 11 June 1980

Appointed (Official - Acting Director of Social Welfare)



Mrs. Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee (周梁淑怡), GBS, OBE, BA (*HKU*), JP Wife of Ir. Dr. Joseph CHOW Ming-kuen (周明權博士), OBE, HonDEng (HKPolyU), JP, President 1987-1988 Hong Kong Island West Rotary Club

1 October 2004 - 30 September 2008

Elected (Geographical Constituency - New Territories West)

1 October 2000 - 30 September 2004

Elected (Functional Constituency - Wholesale and Retail)

1 July 1998 - 30 June 2000

Elected (Functional Constituency - Wholesale and Retail)

21 December 1996 - 30 June 1998

Elected (by Selection Committee)

11 October 1995 - 30 June 1997

Elected (Functional Constituency - Wholesale and Retail)

9 October 1991 - 31 July 1995

Appointed (Unofficial)

12 October 1988 - 22 August 1991

Appointed (Unofficial)

30 October 1985 - 25 August 1988

Appointed (Unofficial)

1 September 1981 - 31 August 1985

Appointed (Unofficial)

Rotary Scholar served the Council



Mrs. Rosanna TAM WONG Yick-ming (譚王葛鳴), OBE, MSc (London), MSW (Toronto), BSocSc (HKU), JP

The Rotary Foundation Scholarship 1977-1978 awardee selected by Hong Kong Island West Rotary Club

12 October 1988 - 31 July 1991

Appointed (Unofficial)

30 October 1985 - 25 August 1988

Appointed (Unofficial)

Abbreviation of Institutions:

AUW = Asian University for Women

CUHK = The Chinese University of Hong Kong 香港中文大學

CUL = City University of London

CUPSL = China University of Political Science and Law 中國政法大學

HKPolyU = The Hong Kong Polytechnic University 香港理工大學

HKU = University of Hong Kong 香港大學

SJTU = Shanghai Jiao Tong University 上海交通大學

Abbreviation of Honours:

CBE = Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

CMG = Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael & St. George

CPM = Colonial Police Medal

CVO = Commander of the Royal Victorian Order

GBM = Grand Bauhinia Medal

GBS = Gold Bauhinia Star

GCMG = Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St.

Michael & St. George

JP = Justice of the Peace for Hong Kong

KBE = Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

KStJ = Knight of Justice of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem

Kt = Knight Bachelor

MBE = Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

OBE = Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

OStJ = Officer of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of

Jerusalem

QPM = Queen's Police Medal

SBS = Silver Bauhinia Star

SBStJ = Serving Brother of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem

Additional Record

Glibert Leung Kam-ho (梁錦濠), President 1989-1990 of New Territories Rotary Club (新界扶 輪社), was elected Member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong in 1991 for the Regional Council constituency---Regional Council of Hong Kong and Sai Kung District Board. Three months after being elected, he was accused of trying to bribe two regional councillors to vote for him in the 1991 Legislative Council election. He was found guilty in 1993 and was removed from the seat. He was subsequently jailed for three years.