Eminent Rotarians on the Roster of Hong Kong University Honorary Graduates

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This article attempts to identify some of the Eminent Rotarians who have been on the roster of the Hong Kong University (香港大學) Honorary Graduates during the 20th Century or the first 95 years of Rotary.

The 20th century was dominated by significant events that defined the era: Spanish flu pandemic, World War I and World War II, nuclear weapons, nuclear power and space exploration, nationalism and decolonization, technological advances, and the Cold War and post-Cold War conflicts.

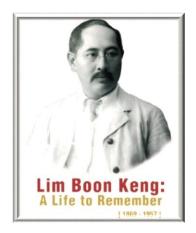
The 20th century saw a massive transformation of the world order: global total fertility rates, sea level rise, and ecological collapses increased; the resulting competition for land and dwindling resources accelerated deforestation, water depletion, and the mass extinction of many of the world's species and decline in the population of others; consequences which are now being dealt with. Man-made global warming increased the risk of extreme weather conditions.



The Hong Kong University's honorary degree is the highest accolade it can bestow on an individual, and is also one of its oldest and most cherished traditions. The honorary degree is awarded to individuals who have made valuable contributions to the world or to humanity, and also to those who have made significant contributions to academia, to Hong Kong or to the University.

These distinguished individuals may be awarded one of the five types of honorary degrees: Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (名譽法學博士), Doctor of Letters *honoris causa* (名譽文學博士), Doctor of Science *honoris causa* (名譽科學博士), Doctor of Divinity *honoris causa* (名譽神學博士), and Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa* (名譽社會科學博士).

Dr. Lim Boon-Keng (林文慶醫生), MB, CM



President 1935-1936, The Rotary Club of Amoy (廈門扶輪社), China President 1921-1937, The University of Amoy (廈門大學), China

1925 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

The Honourable Sir Henry Edward Pollock (普樂爵士), Kt, KC, QC, JP



Active Member, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Unofficial Member, Hong Kong Executive Council / Legislative Council

The Honourable Ts'o Seen-Wan (曹善允議員), CBE, JP



Charter Member 1931, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong (香港扶輪社)
President 1932-1933, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong
Distinguished Hong Kong lawyer, politician, businessman and educationalist

1926 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

The Honourable Robert Hormus Kotewall (羅旭龢議員), CMG, JP



Charter Member, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Unofficial Member, Hong Kong Executive Council / Legislative Council

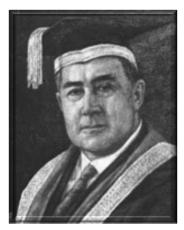
The Honourable Sir Shouson Chow (周壽臣爵士), Kt, JP



Active Member, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Unofficial Member, Hong Kong Executive Council / Legislative Council

1933 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

Sir William Woodward Hornell (康寧爵士), Kt, CIE, MA



Charter President 1930-1932, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Vice-Chancellor 1924-1937, The University of Hong Kong

The Honourable Sir Wilfrid Thomas Southorn (修頓爵士) KBE, CMG, MA, BA



Honorary Member, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Colonial Secretary, the British Crown Colony Hong Kong

1939 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

Emeritus Professor Cades Alfred Middleton-Smith MIMechE, MSc



Active Member, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong First Dean of Engineering, The University of Hong Kong

The Honourable Sir Man-Kam Lo (羅文錦爵士), Kt, CBE



President 1934-1935, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Unofficial Member, Hong Kong Executive Council / Legislative Council Founder and the first President of the Asian Football Confederation

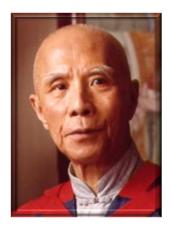
1961 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

Dr. The Honourable Li Shu-Fan (李樹芬醫生), FRCS, FICS, MBBS, JP



President 1938-1939, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Governor 1947-1948 of the 96th District, Rotary International Charter Member 1954, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island West (香港西區扶輪社) Unofficial Member, Hong Kong Urban Council / Legislative Council

The Honourable Tang Shiu-Kin (鄧肇堅議員), CBE, JP



Active Member, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Unofficial Member, Hong Kong Urban Council

1969 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

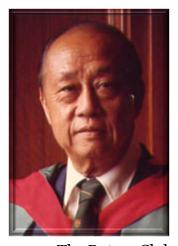
Dr. Tseung Fat-Im (蔣法賢醫師), OBE, KStJ, MBBS



President 1947-1948, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Rotary International Administrative Advisor 1958-1959-1960 Hong Kong medical doctor, educator and philanthropist

1969 Doctor of Social Sciences (DSocSc)

Dr. The Honourable Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (馮秉芬博士), CBE, KStJ, LLD



President 1949-1950, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Rotary International District 345 Governor 1961-1962 Outstanding Rotarian, Rotary Centennial List 2005 Unofficial Member, Hong Kong Urban Council / Executive Council / Legislative Council

1977 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

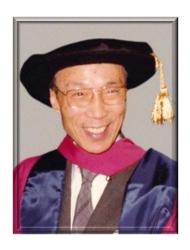
Dr. The Honourable Fang Sin-Yang (方心讓醫生)

OBE, MBBS, MCh(Orth), FRCSE, FACS, FRACS



Honorary Member, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Hong Kong orthopaedic surgeon, professor, legislator and campaigner Co-founder of the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (香港復康會) in 1959 President 1980-1984, Rehabilitation International

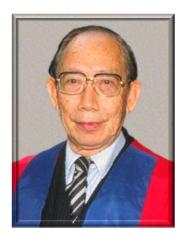
Sir Run Run Shaw (邵逸夫爵士), Kt, CBE



President 1966-1967, The Rotary Club of Kowloon (九龍扶輪社), Hong Kong Chairman/President of Hong Kong Red Cross in 1972-1998
Outstanding practitioner in the applied visual arts

1982 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

The Honourable Lo Kwee-Seong (羅桂祥議員), CBE, BA, JP



Charter Member 1954, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island West President 1960-1961, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island West Unofficial Member, Hong Kong Urban Council / Legislative Council

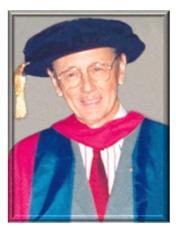
The Honourable Rogerio Hyndman Lobo (羅保議員), CBE



Honorary Member, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Unofficial Member, Hong Kong Urban Council / Legislative Council / Executive Council

1988 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

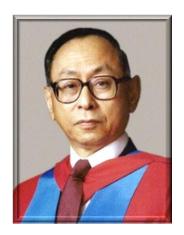
Dr. George Choa (蔡永善醫生), OBE, OStJ, FRCSE, FRACS, MBBS, DLO



President 1971-1972, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Rotary International District 345 Governor 1979-1980 Chairman 1987-2002, Council of the Order of St. John in Hong Kong An otorhinolaryngologist of international repute

1991 Doctor of Letters (DLitt)

Dr. The Honorable Sir Ti-Liang Yang (楊鐵樑爵士), Kt, LLD



President 1983-1984, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Chairman 1981-1984, the University and Polytechnic Grants Committee Council Chairman 1987-2001, the University of Hong Kong The Chief Justice of Hong Kong, 1988-1996 Lord President of the Court of Appeal of Negara Brunei Darussalam, 1988-1992 President 1988-1998, The Scout Association of Hong Kong

1992 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

Dr. The Honorable James Wu Man-Hon (胡文瀚博士), OBE, DEng, JP



President 1957-1958, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East (香港東區扶輪社) Unofficial Member, Hong Kong Urban Council / Legislative Council

