

The Rotary Club of Hong Kong

Home of Many Honorary Doctorates and Fellows

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The month of July in the year 2019 marks the 100 years of Rotary development in the greater China since the inception of the Rotary Club of Shanghai (上海扶輪社) in 1919. Within the 13 districts and 1 non-districted group of the great Chinese region, the Rotary Club of Hong Kong (香港扶輪社) which was chartered in 1931, is still the oldest with the longest of more than 80 years continuous regular meetings of which holding an average of around 100 members every year. Other than numerous service projects launched locally and internationally, this Club has been and is still the home of many eminent Rotarians, including:

- (1) 2 Rotarians served as Member of the International Olympic Committee;
 - (2) 8 Rotarians had been chiefs of the St. John Ambulance Organization in Hong Kong;
 - (3) 6 Rotarians were either President or Chief Commissioner of the Hong Kong Scouts;
 - (4) One past president has served the Hong Kong Red Cross as chairman/president;
 - (5) 2 Rotarians had served the law enforcement as voluntary Commandant of either Hong Kong Police Reserve Unit or the Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force;
 - (6) One Rotarian chaired the Hong Kong Urban Council (香港市政局) for 8 years, plus 14 Rotarians had served as members of the Council;
 - (7) 19 Rotarians sat on the Hong Kong Legislative Council (香港立法局) as lawmakers;
 - (8) 12 members had served Rotary International as Vice-President, Director, Administrative Advisor, District Governor;
 - (9) 13 Rotarians had been invested Knights Bachelor (下級勳位爵士) by the British monarch;
- items may be more

Today, this article attempts to identify who have been bestowed Honorary Doctorates (博士) or Fellows (院士) by these local universities, if not from the overseas:

- (1) The University of Hong Kong (香港大學)
- (2) The Chinese University of Hong Kong (香港中文大學)
- (3) The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (香港理工大學)
- (4) Hong Kong Baptist University (香港浸會大學)
- (5) Lingnan University (嶺南大學)
- (6) City University of Hong Kong (香港城市大學)
- (7) The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (香港科技大學)
- (8) The Open University of Hong Kong (香港公開大學)

Chau Cham-Son (周湛榮)



President 1991-1992

1994 -- Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD)
University of Liverpool, United Kingdom

Sir Tsun-Nin Chau (周浚年爵士)

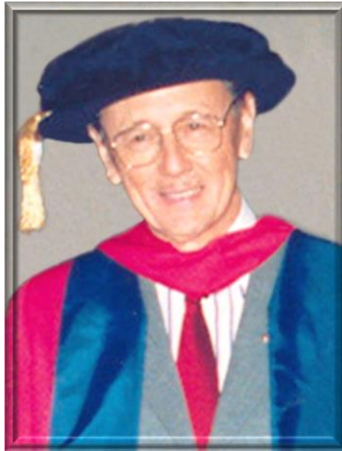
** Father of Dr. Chau Cham-Son



Charter Member / Club Director

1961 -- Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD)
The University of Hong Kong

George Choa (蔡永善)



President 1971-1972
Rotary International District 345 Governor 1979-1980
1988 -- Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD)
The University of Hong Kong

Sir Shouson Chow (周壽臣爵士)



Active Member
1933 -- Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD)
The University of Hong Kong

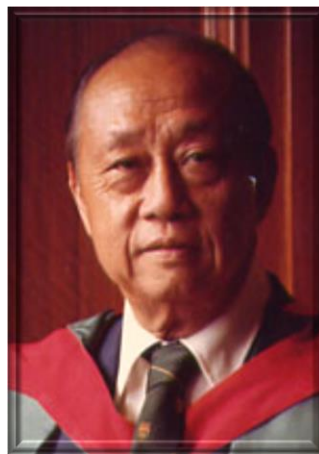
Sir Harry Fang Sin-Yang (方心讓爵士)



Honorary Member

- 1977 -- Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD), The University of Hong Kong
- 1989 -- Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD), The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 1996 – Doctor of Social Science *honoris causa* (DSocSc), Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- 1998 – Doctor of Science *honoris causa* (DSc), The Open University of Hong Kong

Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (馮秉芬爵士)



President 1949-1950

Rotary International District 345 Governor 1961-1962

- 1968 -- Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD), The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 1969 -- Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa* (DSocSc), The University of Hong Kong

Sir William Woodward Hornell (康寧爵士)



Charter President 1930-1932
1933 -- Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD)
The University of Hong Kong

Hu Fa-Kuang (胡法光)



Senior Active Member
2012 – Doctor of Social Science *honoris causa* (DSocSc)
City University of Hong Kong

Lau Wah-Sum (劉華森)



President 1996-1997

1996 – Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD), Hong Kong Baptist University

2001 – Doctor of Business Administration *honoris causa* (DBA)

The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology

Li Shu-Fan (李樹芬)



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

1961 – Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD), The University of Hong Kong

Mr. Justice Henry Denis Litton (烈顯倫大法官)



Honorary Member

1996 – Honorary University Fellow, The University of Hong Kong

2002 – Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD), Lingnan University

Sir Man-Kam Lo (羅文錦爵士)



President 1934-1935

1951 -- Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD)
The University of Hong Kong

Sir Rogerio Hyndman Lobo (羅保爵士)



Honorary Member
1982 -- Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD)
The University of Hong Kong

Emeritus Professor Cades Alfred Middleton-Smith



Active Member,
1939 -- Doctor of Laws (LLD)
The University of Hong Kong

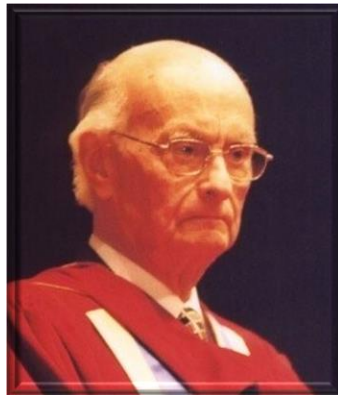
Joseph Pang Yuk-Wing (彭玉榮)



Senior Active Member

2002 -- Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa* (DSocSc), Lingnan University
2004 – Honorary University Fellow, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Arnaldo de Oliveira Sales (沙利士)



President 1965-1966

2001 -- Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa* (DSocSc)
Hong Kong Baptist University

Shum Choi-Sang (岑才生)



Senior Active Member

2003 – Honorary University Fellow, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

2007 – Honorary University Fellow, The University of Hong Kong

Sheung H. Sung (宋常康)



President 1967-1968

Rotary International District 345 Governor 1975-1976

2003 – Honorary University Fellow
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Tseung Fat-Im (蔣法賢)



President 1947-1948
Rotary International Administrative Advisor 1958-1959-1960
1969 -- Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD)
The University of Hong Kong

Ts'o Seen-Wan (曹善允)



President 1932-1933
1924 -- Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD)
The University of Hong Kong

Sir David Clive Wilson (衛奕信爵士)



Honorary Member

1995 -- Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD)
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

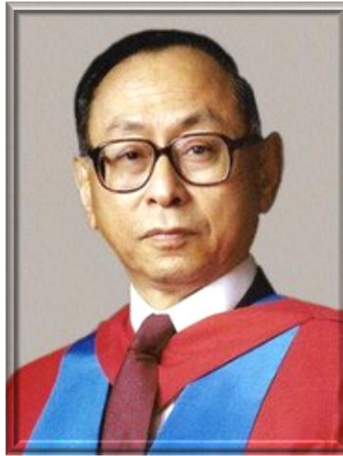
James Tak Wu (伍沾德)



Senior Active Member

1995 – Honorary Doctorate, Springfield College, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
2005 – Honorary Doctorate, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China.
2006 – Honorary University Fellow, The University of Hong Kong
2009 -- Doctor of Business Administration *honoris causa* (DBA), Lingnan University

Sir Ti-Liang Yang (楊鐵樑爵士)



President 1983-1984

1984 -- Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD), The Chinese University of Hong Kong

1991 -- Doctor of Letters *honoris causa* (DLitt), The University of Hong Kong

1992 – Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (LLD), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University



An **Honorary Doctorate** is the highest accolade of which the University 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 the Hong Kong community or to the University.

An **Honorary Fellowship** is a highly prestigious award of which the University can bestow on an annual basis to distinguished individuals who have a connection with the University, or with the Hong Kong community, and who have made an outstanding contribution to their chosen fields.



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