

Eminent Rotarians awarded Silver Wolf or Bronze Wolf

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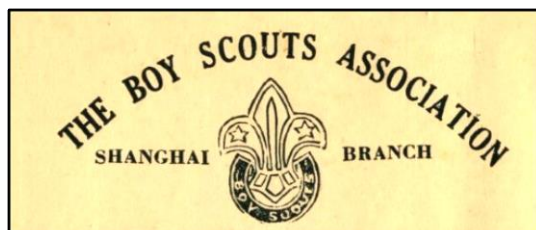
In the Rotary China History, there had been 3 eminent Rotarians honoured with the highest awards of the Scouting Movement:

- (1) 1950 – Silver Wolf Award – Mr. Arthur Hamilton Gordon, District Commissioner, Boy Scouts Association–Shanghai Branch; Active Member, Rotary Club of Shanghai (上海扶輪社), Republic of China (中華民國).
- (2) 1966 – Silver Wolf Award – Mr. Lo Ching-Kan (羅徵勤), Colony Commissioner, Boy Scouts Association–Hong Kong Branch (香港童子軍總會); President 1976-1977 of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong (香港扶輪社), British Crown Colony Hong Kong.
- (3) 1990 – Bronze Wolf Award -- Dr. Chau Cham-Son (周湛堯博士), Chief Commissioner, The Scout Association of Hong Kong (香港童軍總會); President 1991-1992 of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong (香港扶輪社), British Crown Colony Hong Kong.

The Silver Wolf (*left figure*) is the highest award made by The Scout Association “for services of the most exceptional character”. It is an unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout. The award consists of a Silver Wolf suspended from a dark green and yellow neck ribbon. Since its inception by Lieutenant-General Robert S. Smyth Baden-Powell, the Silver Wolf has remained the “unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout”, although “County Commissioners and overseas Chief Scouts may submit recommendations to Scout Headquarters in England”.

During the early years of the development of the Scout Movement throughout the world, it was the practice of the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, to give the Silver Wolf to Scouters in any country who had done outstandingly valuable work for the Movement. The Silver Wolf was first awarded to King’s Scouts or King’s Sea Scouts of at least 2 years of service and who earned 12 proficiency badges, who performed under exceptional circumstances like saving a life or repeated acts of bravery, endurance, or self-sacrifice. This Silver Wolf remained a youth award until 1922, when it became an award for “Adult volunteers for Services to Scouting”. The award was, of course, highly valued, but it began to be realized that the Silver Wolf was a British Scout decoration, even though it was given by the Chief Scout of the World.

Accordingly, in 1934, the Bronze Wolf Award (*right figure*) was created as the only award made by the World Scout Committee. The Bronze Wolf Award is Scouting's highest honour. It recognizes the outstanding service, commitment, and contributions of volunteers to the Scout Movement and is the only award presented by the World Scout Committee. Since its establishment, only around 400 people have received the award.



Arthur Hamilton Gordon



The Boy Scouts Association-Shanghai Branch refers to historical British Scouting groups in Shanghai (上海) before 1954.

Within the Shanghai International Settlement (上海公共租界), a troop of “Boy Scouts” was formed, as a branch of the then existing (British) “Boys’ Brigade” whose members were representative of the cosmopolitan but culturally Western population of the city. The 1st Dragon Troop, run on actual Baden-Powell lines, was also formed in early 1909, in Shanghai. These were mostly British boys. British-run Scout troops, like the 1st Dragon Troop, therefore developed and existed in Shanghai catering to the city’s international community, precisely, those English-speaking boys. As more and more troops formed by sponsoring organizations like schools, universities and churches that following the 《Policy, Organization and Rules》 (POR), it was therefore permission granted by The Boy Scouts Association Imperial Headquarters the status of an “overseas district”---The Boy Scouts Association-Shanghai Branch. A District Commissioner would be appointed from the local volunteers to administer the operations. However, this Association was not a member of the General Association of the Boy Scouts of China (中國童子軍總會).

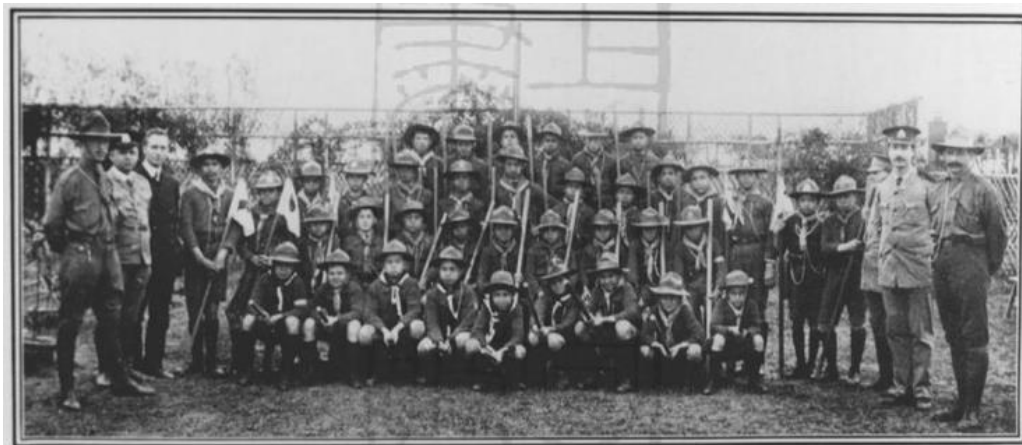
The first native Chinese Scout troop was organized by Reverend Yen Chia-Lin (嚴家麟牧師), also known as Benjamin Yen, in Wuchang (武昌) on 25 February 1912 and the Scouting movement then quickly spreading to Shanghai and other ports. The General Association of the Boy Scouts of China was formed in 1934, with Shanghai hosting significant numbers of Scouts.

Arthur Hamilton Gordon, British businessman, was an Active Member of the Rotary Club of Shanghai from 1925 to 1936, and then from 1946 to 1950. In between these 2 periods, the Rotary Club was not functioning due to the Imperial Japan's military occupation of the International Settlement during the Pacific War (1941-1945).

Gordon was appointed District Commissioner from England to supervise the Boy Scouts Association-Shanghai Branch. Bearing this role, the Scout Commissioner worked closely with the Boys Work Committee of the Rotary Club. Scouting and Rotary are youth service partners globally over a century. While the Rotary Club supporting with resources, the Scout troops offer programs as well as trained volunteer leaders.

Gordon was a prominent figure in the Shanghai Scouting. His leadership was defined by his commitment to maintaining Scouting operations through periods of extreme political and military upheaval in China. In early 1942, following the Japanese occupation of Shanghai, Gordon successfully negotiated with the Japanese authorities to allow Scouting activities to continue. During this time, Scouts focused on self-sufficiency, raising livestock and growing vegetables at the Hungjao (*Hongqiao*) (虹橋) Scout camp.

Gordon remained a key figure after the War and through the 1949 Communist takeover. He was the last British Scout leader in the region. The Shanghai Branch of the British Boy Scouts Association was officially disbanded in November 1953. Shortly before his terminal illness led him to leave China in July 1950, Rotarian Arthur Hamilton Gordon was awarded the Silver Wolf, for his exceptional service, by Thomas Corbett - Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth and Empire.




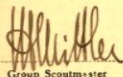

British Boy Scout Troop in the Shanghai International Settlement



In 1922, following the global encouragement by Rotary International on Boys Work, the Rotary Club of Shanghai entertained the Boy Scouts at tiffin, and to this way the value of the Scout Movement was impressed on many who would otherwise have remained ignorant with Scouting activities. That the tiffin brought results was convinced when one visitor offered the Scouts the use of forty acres for a camp at a rental of \$1 a year, and another promised that he and nineteen friends would each contribute from \$200 to \$1,000 to the Scouts funds. The Shanghai Rotary Club also offered a trophy shield for the Scout troops to compete for in a stunt program.



1936 -- Boy Scouts in Shanghai celebrating Coronation of George VI, King of the United Kingdom and the Dominions of the British Commonwealth

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION SHANGHAI BRANCH		No. 0315	
13th Shanghai (United) Group			
This is to certify, that			
WOLF-CUB SCOUT ROVER OLD-SCOUT	WILLY SCHURTMANN		
has been a member of our Group			
since AUGUST 22nd 19 45			
He has:-			
joined Wolf Cubs on	19		
in			
subsequently gaining his			
and rising to the rank of			
joined Boy Scouts on	19		
in			
subsequently gaining his FIRST CLASS BADGE			
and rising to the rank of PATROL LEADER			
joined Rovers on	19		
in			
being enrolled as Rover Sct. on			
and rising to the rank of			
joined Old Scouts on	19		
in			
			
Signature _____			
WOLF-CUB SCOUT ROVER OLD-SCOUT	WILLY SCHURTMANN		
Born on JANUARY 13th 19 32			
in VIENNA			
Present Address 31 DENT LANE			
SHANGHAI - CHINA			
<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>INTRODUCTION TO ALL SCOUT ASSOCIATIONS</p> <p>This membership card will be presented to you by our Brother Scout who intends to travel abroad.</p> <p>We recommend him to your kind consideration in full assurance that he will receive a Scout's welcome from all members of the Brotherhood of Scouts.</p>			
		 Group Scoutmaster	 District Commissioner
		Shanghai, China, JUNE 23rd 19 47	

1947 – The Boy Scout membership card issued by District Commissioner Arthur Hamilton Gordon



The Boy Scout badge of the British Commonwealth used prior to 1967

Lo Ching-Kan (羅徵勤太平紳士), MBE, JP

Scout training was first introduced to the British Crown Colony Hong Kong by Rev. Hubert Octavius Spink, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon (聖安德烈堂), in 1909 and 1910 by the Protestant based Boys' Brigade, Chums Scout Patrols and British Boy Scouts. The Catholic St. Joseph's College (聖若瑟書院) then formed on 11 September 1913 the 1st Hong Kong Scout Troop, for which Lord Baden-Powell sent a letter of congratulations on 26 November 1913. The Troop was registered with The Boy Scouts Association of Great Britain on 1 May 1914. The Boy Scouts Association then formed its Hong Kong local association in July 1915 which became its Hong Kong Branch. After the enactment of Ordinance Chapter 1005 of the Hong Kong Laws in 1975, the name and status of "The Boy Scouts Association-Hong Kong Branch 香港童子軍總會" was changed to "The Scout Association of Hong Kong 香港童軍總會" until today. In 1977, The Association was constituted as an autonomous association and became the 111th member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

Lo Ching-Kan (羅徵勤太平紳士), MBE, JP, better known as C. K. Lo, Hong Kong businessman, was an Active Member of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong and served the Club as President in 1976-1977. He had been nominated to further serve Rotary as District 345 Governor for 1988-1989. Regrettably, Lo passed away in spring of 1988 making the dream not to come true.

Lo was a prominent leader in the Hong Kong Scout Movement. He has been Assistant Scout Commissioner for Chinese Groups. From 1963 to 1973 Lo was appointed Colony Commissioner of Boy Scouts Association-Hong Kong Branch by the Chief Scout, Hong Kong Governor Sir Robert Brown Black (香港童軍總領袖、香港總督柏立基爵士). This appointment marked a critical turning point in making Scouting more inclusive and integrated within the local Chinese community, moving away from its early history as a primarily expatriate-led organization. His leadership helped establishing the foundation for the Scout Association of Hong Kong to become the largest youth uniformed organization in the Colony. During his tenure, Lo actively promoted the internationalization of the Hong Kong Scouts, including representing Hong Kong at the World Scout Conference in Mexico in 1963. Lo served for a decade---a period of significant expansion and modernization for the Movement. The Movement celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Cub Scouting in Hong Kong (1966) and the Diamond Jubilee of Scouting in Hong Kong (1971).

In recognition to his remarkable service in Scouting, Lo was awarded the Silver Wolf in 1966 by Sir Charles Hector Fitzroy Maclean - Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth. Moreover, in January 1969, Lo was appointed Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) by Queen Elizabeth II, United Kingdom, for his significant contributions to youth development and public service in Hong Kong.

Although Rotarian C. K. Lo has passed away for many years, his influence on the Hong Kong Scout Movement and early social policy research is still considered an important part of Hong Kong's social development history. A month after the "Star Ferry Incident", on 4 May 1966, Hong Kong Governor Sir David Clive Crosbie Trench (香港總督戴麟趾爵士) announced the appointment of the "Kowloon Riots Inquiry Committee", composed of Chief Justice Sir Michael Joseph Patrick Hogan (首席按察司何瑾爵士); Hong Kong Scout Commissioner Lo Ching-Kan, JP; former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong Sir Lindsay Tasman Ride (香港大學前校長賴廉士爵士); and lawyer Maurice Wong Ping-Kin (黃秉乾律師), JP, to investigate the causes of the riots.

The Report was published in December of that year. The 4-Man-Committee discussed the "Immediate Causes of the Kowloon Riots"---Why did they hold demonstrations? What happened that led to the violence? What could youth services do?

The Report sought testimony from commentators and participants of various backgrounds, discussing youth issues from multiple perspectives---the disparities in education and employment, and the characteristics of the demonstrating youth, etc.



1968 – C. K. Lo (R10, 2nd row sitting), Colony Commissioner of Hong Kong Scouts, officiated at the inauguration ceremony of the 171st Kowloon Scout Group sponsored by Tung Wah Group of Hospitals No.1 College at Oxford Road, Kowloon Tong.



1969 – C. K. Lo, Colony Commissioner (centre) and Robert J. Lilico, Sea Scout Commissioner (right), of Boy Scouts Association, escorting Commodore Philip R. C. Higham of HMS Tamar, Royal Navy, to review the Sea Scouts Rally held at Hong Kong Sea School, Stanley.



1971 was the busy year for C. K. Lo, Chief Commissioner of Hong Kong Scouts. There was Diamond Jubilee Jamboree celebrating 60 years of Hong Kong Scouting. And then Hong Kong was the host city for the 2nd World Scout Public Relations Seminar, as well as the 5th British Commonwealth Scout Conference.



Dr. Chau Cham-Son (周湛燊博士), OBE, CStJ, LLD, BA, JP



Dr. Chau Cham-Son (周湛燊博士), OBE, CStJ, *Hon*LLD (*Liverpool*), BA(AS)(*HKU*), JP, (23 August 1932 - 9 October 2023), was a senior Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong (香港扶輪社) holding the classification of “Building and Development”. Chau served as the Club President in 1991-1992 after his retirement from the British Crown Colony Hong Kong Government civil service in 1990 as the Director (General) of Buildings and Lands.

Chau was the Chief Commissioner of the Scout Association of Hong Kong (香港童軍總監) from 1985 to 1996. He was the second member from the same Rotary Club to serve such post. The second son of Rotarian Dr. The Honourable Sir Tsun-Nin Chau (周竣年爵士), Kt, CBE, OStJ, *HonLLD (HKU)*, MA (*Oxon*), LLB (*Oxon*), JP (formerly Active Member of Hong Kong Rotary Club; Honorary Treasurer and then Vice President of the Boy Scouts Association-Hong Kong Branch), Chau joined the Scout Movement in 1946 as a Boy Scout at the age of 14. He became a Scoutmaster in 1949 for his alma mater, the 15th Hong Kong Scout Group of Wah Yan College, Hong Kong (香港華仁書院--香港童軍港島第15旅). He was appointed Assistant District Commissioner in 1957 and was promoted to Victoria City District Commissioner (維多利亞城區總監) in 1962. Following father's footsteps, he had been Honorary Treasurer and Deputy Chairman of The Scout Association of Hong Kong. He also was Chairman of Campsites and Properties Committee between 1978 and 1984. In 1977, Chau was appointed an Unofficial Justice of Peace for Hong Kong by Hong Kong Governor Sir Crawford Murray MacLehose (香港總督麥理浩爵士).

Chau became Chairman of the Executive Committee, Scout Association of Hong Kong (香港童軍總會執行委員會主席) in 1983 and also chaired the Headquarters Building Management Committee in the crucial period during the fundraising, planning and construction of the 25-storey Hong Kong Scout Centre.

In 1985, Chau was appointed by the Chief Scout, Hong Kong Governor Sir Edward Youde (香港童軍總領袖、香港總督尤德爵士) to serve as the 11th Chief Commissioner of the Scout Association of Hong Kong, a post he held for the next 11 years until 1996, leading a total membership of over 50,000 children and adults.

During his office as the Chief Commissioner, Chau streamlined the organization of the Scout Movement in Hong Kong, and his greatest legacy was the erection of the 25-storey Hong Kong Scout Centre---providing the Association with a meaningful foundation for its development to be financially self-sufficient. The Scout Association being one of the major executive bodies of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (愛丁堡公爵獎勵計劃) (DEA), Chau was also to serve as Vice-Chairman of the DEA Council in Hong Kong.

Out of Hong Kong in The World Organization of the Scout Movement, Chau served in Asia-Pacific Region (APR) Regional Committee from 1986 to 1992. He was conferred the Organization's "Bronze Wolf Award" in 1990. The Bronze Wolf Award is Scouting's highest honour. It recognizes the outstanding service, commitment, and contributions of volunteers to the Scout Movement and is the only award presented by the World Scout Committee. Later, Chau was elected a member of the World Scout Committee (1993-1999).

Besides the Bronze Wolf, Chau received

- (1) Gold Lion Award (金獅勳章) from the Scout Association of Hong Kong in 1986;
- (2) Asia-Pacific Scout Region Medal for Meritorious Contribution in 1986; and
- (3) Asia-Pacific Scout Region Award for Distinguished Service in 1995.

Chau co-founded the APR Scout Foundation in 1992. By making the first contribution he became its first Foundation Member. The Foundation envisions the growth of quality Scouting in member countries and strengthening self-reliance. On the other hand, Chau was a Baden-Powell Fellow of the World Scout Foundation.

Rotarian Chau Cham-Son carried on to serve as a Vice President of the Scout Association of Hong Kong since his retiring from the post of Chief Commissioner in 1997. He was also a holder of Long Service Medal with 4 stars signifying he had served faithfully for no less than 55 years as an adult leader of the Hong Kong Scouting.



January 1991 – This photo was taken at The Scout Association of Hong Kong New Headquarters Building Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony, showing 2 Rotarians of Hong Kong Rotary Club serving as leaders of Hong Kong Scouting Movement---(left) Sir Ti-Liang Yang (楊鐵樑爵士), President, and (Right) Dr. Chau Cham-Son, Chief Commissioner, The Scout Association of Hong Kong. Yang was Hong Kong Rotary Club President in 1983-1984 and Chau was Club President in 1991-1992.



APPENDIX

Herbert K. Lau in his Scout Leader uniform



In January 1988, Herbert K. Lau (劉敬恒) was Charter President 1987-1988 of the Rotary Club of Tolo Harbour, Hong Kong (吐露港扶輪社). He was serving the Scouts as the Assistant Regional Commissioner (Kowloon Region) of the Scout Association of Hong Kong. Upon the official invitation from the Guangdong Provincial People's Government (廣東省人民政府) to the Scout Association, Lau was the Deputy Leader to guide 100 Hong Kong Scouts, including Sea and Air Scouts, to pay a Goodwill Visit to the Guangzhou Military Academy of Sports of the People's Liberation Army of China (中國人民解放軍廣州軍事體育學院), including 2 nights of camping inside the Academy campus. This photo shows Lau was greeted by the Academy Secretary.

Relations of Lau between C. K. Lo and Chau Cham-Son

(A) C. K. Lo –

- (1) In 1969, C. K. Lo was the Colony Commissioner of the Hong Kong Scouts while Lau was a Senior Scout Patrol Leader in the school.
- (2) In January 1988, C. K. Lo was the R.I. District 345 Governor-Elect and Lau was a Rotary Club president.

(B) Chau Cham-Son --

In 1988, Chau Cham-Son was the Chief Commissioner of the Hong Kong Scouts, i.e. the chief superior of Lau who was an Assistant Regional Commissioner.

