

Eminent Rotarians on the Roster of Honorary Graduates of the Chinese University of Hong Kong

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This article attempts to identify some of the Eminent Rotarians who have been on the roster of Honorary Graduates of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (香港中文大學) 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 honorary degree of the Chinese University of Hong Kong 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 four classes of honorary degrees: Doctor of Literature *honoris causa* (榮譽文學博士), Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (榮譽法學博士), Doctor of Science *honoris causa* (榮譽理學博士), and Doctor of Social Science *honoris causa* (榮譽社會科學博士).

1968 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

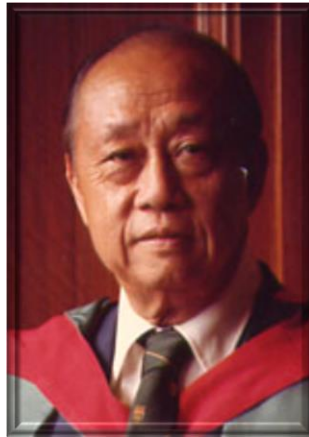
The Honorable Tang Ping-Yuan (唐炳源議員), O.B.E., B.S., J.P.



- Charter President 1937-1938, The Rotary Club of Wusih (無錫扶輪社), China
- Active Member 1947-1949, The Rotary Club of Shanghai (上海扶輪社). China
- Unofficial Member of the Executive Council and the Legislative Council of Hong Kong

1968 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

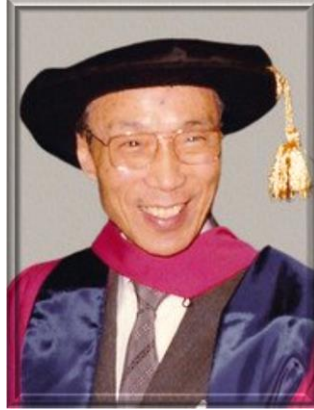
The Honorable Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (馮秉芬議員), C.B.E., K.St.J., J.P.



- President 1949-1950, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong (香港扶輪社)
 - Rotary International District 345 Governor 1961-1962
 - Outstanding leader in banking, commerce and industry
- Unofficial Member, Hong Kong Urban Council/Executive Council/Legislative Council

1981 Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc)

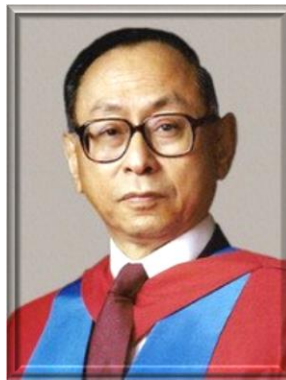
Sir Run Run Shaw (邵逸夫爵士), Kt., C.B.E.



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

1984 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

The Honorable Mr. Justice Ti-Liang Yang (楊鐵樑按察司)



- President 1983-1984, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong
- Chairman 1981-1984, the University and Polytechnic Grants Committee
 - The Chief Justice of Hong Kong, 1988-1996
- Lord President of the Court of Appeal of Negara Brunei Darussalam, 1988-1992
 - Pro-Chancellor 1994-2001, The University of Hong Kong
- Unofficial Member of the Executive Council in 1997-2002, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government

1988 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

Sir David Akers-Jones (鍾逸傑爵士), K.B.E., C.M.G., M.A., D.C.L., J.P.



- Honorary Member, The Rotary Club of New Territories (新界扶輪社), Hong Kong
 - The Secretary for City and New Territories Administration in 1974-1981
 - Chief Secretary of Hong Kong Government in 1981-1987

1989 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

Dr. Fang Sin-Yang, Harry (方心讓醫生)

C.B.E., LL.D., MB.BS, M.Ch.(Orth), F.R.C.S.E., F.A.C.S., F.R.A.C.S., J.P.



- 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

1995 Doctor of Laws (LLD)

Lord David Clive Wilson of Tillyorn (衛奕信勳爵). Kt., G.C.M.G., K.St.J., F.R.S.E.



- Honorary Member, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong
 - Governor of Hong Kong in 1987-1992

2001 Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc)

Mr. Hung Hon-Cheung, George (熊翰章)



- President 1993-1994, The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island West (香港西區扶輪社)
- Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chung Chi College (崇基學院); and Council Member of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, in 1993-2002

