

Mr Ho Sai-yiu

Mr Ho Sai-yiu's family was originally from Fujian Province and later settled in Guangzhou. Born in Hong Kong, he had been to Lingnan Elementary School, studied at Wah Yan College Hong Kong for his secondary education and graduated from Letchworth College of Technology in the United Kingdom. During his study in the UK, he was elected as the President of the Student Union. Mr Ho is currently the Director of several companies, including Fook Lee Construction Co., Ltd., Fook Lee Holdings Ltd., United Builders Insurance Co., Ltd. and Chi Fuk Construction Co., Ltd, etc. Over the years, Mr Ho has promoted the development of social welfare, culture, education and religious affairs in and out of Hong Kong. As early as the 1970s, Mr. Ho served as Director of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, and subsequently served as Director of the Ho Iu Kwong Charity Foundation, of the non-profit Chih Lo Lou Art Promotion Limited and Chairman of the Horai Association Hong Kong. Mr Ho also served as Executive Director and Deputy Secretary-General of The Hong Kong Bodhi Siksa Society Ltd., as well as a Management Committee Member of the Buddhist Tung Lam Aged Home and the Hong Kong Bodhi Siksa Society Ltd. Care and Attention Home for the Aged.

During the time Mr Ho served as Director of the Ho Iu Kwong Charity Foundation, he and his siblings undertook various charitable works, including the donation of Confucian Ho Kwok Pui Chun College, Ho Iu Kwong Building and Ho Iu Kwong and Kwok Pui Chun Square at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. In addition, his family foundation also donated over HK\$40 million to Guangzhou in projects related to education, culture, healthcare, child welfare, disaster relief, and so forth. These projects include the Mrs. He Guirong Welfare Institute, a retirement home, the school building at Guirong Middle School as well as a scholarship fund, the Ho Iu Kwong Rehabilitation Centre, facility upgrades at the Guangdong Charitable Hospital, the Ho Iu Kwong Civil Engineering Laboratory and the Ho Iu Kwong Academic Building at Jinan University. In 2011, the Ho family Foundation helped the Hong Kong AIDS Foundation to establish a headquarters in Mainland China so as to improve the medical care AIDS patients in China receive. Furthermore, they have donated three times since 2002 to support the establishment of scholarship for Southeast University, which is well-known for its School of Architecture.

Of all the charitable work that he has done, he had devoted the most time and energy to the Lifeline Express Hong Kong Foundation, which arranges for free surgery for cataract patients in remote and poverty-stricken areas. Since its establishment in July 1997, Lifeline Express has been equipped with ophthalmic medical equipment and supported by volunteer ophthalmologists. Lifeline Express also trains junior ophthalmic doctors and sets up microsurgery training centres in various regions. The Ho family foundation has been supporting the foundation for 19 years! One indication of that support is that the number of Lifeline Express trains, which transport patients needing emergency care, has increased from one to four. As at the end of 2016, 181,331 patients have received surgery with the help of the Foundation, which enables these patients and their families to regain hope for the future. To the pious Mr Ho, such boundless benevolence should come naturally to any Buddhist.

As a Lingnanian, Mr Ho has been a long-term supporter of Lingnan University. In 2015, with the support of Mr Ho's siblings, the Ho Iu Kwong Charity Foundation donated HK\$8m to Lingnan University to set up the China Economic Research Programme (CERP). CERP is dedicated to facilitating policy research on economic and financial development in Mainland China and Hong Kong, research collaboration between scholars in Hong Kong and Mainland China as well as entrepreneurial training for Lingnan students. CERP has helped Lingnan to both enhance its policy research and generate more social impacts through knowledge transfer. As a member of the Steering Committee since CERP's inception, Mr Ho has made tremendous contributions in guiding and promoting CERP's development.

Mr Chairman, for his outstanding contributions as a philanthropist in Hong Kong and Mainland China, his distinguished public service and passionate support of Lingnan University, may I now present Mr Ho Sai-yiu to you for conferment of an honorary fellowship.

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何世堯先生

何世堯先生出生於香港，祖籍福建，落戶廣州，早年曾受教育於嶺南小學，然後就讀香港華仁書院，其後畢業於英國Letchworth College of Technology，在英其間曾擔任學生會主席一職。何先生現任福利建築、福利置業、建安保險、志福建築等多間公司的董事。多年來，何先生以低調的作風積極推動社會公益、文化、教育及宗教事務的發展，影響遍及香港內外。早於70年代，何先生已擔任東華三院總理，其後又擔任何耀光慈善基金、至樂樓藝術發揚(非牟利)有限公司、香港法雷念佛會的主席，香港菩提學會常務董事兼副秘書長，以及佛教東林安老院及佛教菩提護理安老院管理委員會成員。

何先生在擔任何耀光慈善基金董事期間，曾聯同兄弟姊妹致力推展各項義舉，當中包括捐建孔教學院何郭佩珍中學、香港理工大學「何耀光樓」及「何耀光郭佩珍伉儷廣場」。此外，基金會向廣東省廣州市分別捐贈教育、文化、醫療衛生、兒童福利、賑災項目等慈善事業超過四千萬港元，當中包括興建何貴榮夫人福利院、貴榮中學校舍和設立助學金。還有興建何耀光康復院、暨南大學何耀光土木工程實驗樓、何耀光綜合教育樓和改善廣州市慈善醫院設施等多個項目。2011年，基金會資助香港愛滋病基金會，在內地建立長期的工作基地，協助內地改善愛滋病人的就醫環境。從2002年起，先後三次捐款支持東南大學建立獎助學金，有助推動以建築學科聞名見稱的東南大學的發展。

在此以外，尤其值得稱道的是，在父親和家族的支持下，何先生長期默默協助健康快車香港基金(亦即火車醫院)的成立和發展，積極捐獻，為偏遠貧困地區的白內障患者免費提供復明手術的治療。自1997年7月成立開始，健康快車已投入服務，配備眼科醫療設施，志願的眼科醫生亦隨行。健康快車亦負責在火車醫院上培訓眼科醫生，並在不同地區建立健康快車眼科微創手術培訓中心。過去19年間，何先生及家族一直慷慨解囊支持健康快車香港基金，使健康快車由一列發展至四列，並得以協助181,331人重見光明(截至2016年12月)，為病人的家庭重燃對未來的希望。何先生為虔誠的佛教徒，認為大愛無疆乃佛家弟子的份內事。

何先生作為一個嶺南人，也長期關注和支持嶺南大學的發展。2015年，在何世堯先生及其兄弟姊妹的支持下，何耀光慈善基金支持嶺南大學(嶺大)成立「中國經濟研究部」，其宗旨是支持嶺大加強在經濟、金融和創業等範疇的政策研究、與本地及內地學者開展更多的學術研究交流合作及培養學生的創業精神，其成立將推動嶺大的政策研究計劃及擴大其社會影響力。自嶺大中國經濟研究部成立後，何先生擔任督導委員會委員，積極督導和協助研究部的發展，貢獻良多。

主席先生，鑒於何先生在慈善事業及公共服務方面的突出貢獻，以及其長期支持嶺大發展的不懈努力，本人謹恭請閣下頒授榮譽院士銜予何世堯先生。

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