

A Tradition of Giving Philanthropy Can Be a Family Affair 善心代代相傳

Philanthropy can be a family affair with the tradition of paying it forward as prevalent as the passing down of a family heirloom. HKU's Endowed Professorships Scheme is rich with stories of giving, which have been handed down from generation to generation. Benefactors created the endowed professorships to honour grandparents, parents and siblings to carry on the dreams and visions of their beloved. Here are the stories of three emblematic families whose legacies are intertwined with HKU's and who share a tradition of giving.

The Kotewall Family Legacy: Endowing Public Health and Medicine at HKU

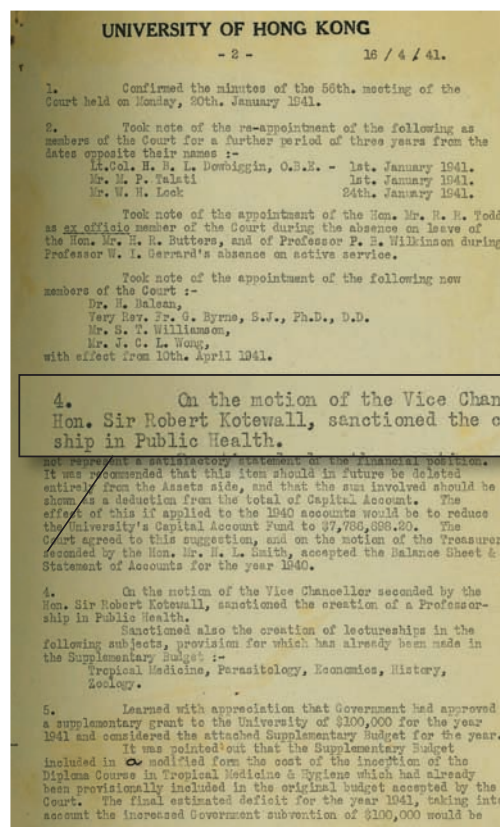
Sir Robert Kotewall (1880-1949) was in many respects a pioneer in philanthropy, especially when it came to public education.

Kotewall was a successful businessman and a member of Hong Kong's Legislative Council and Executive Council in the first half of the 20th century. He was at the forefront of giving back to society. Hong Kong's many beneficiaries include the Hong Kong City Hall Public Library, schools including St Paul's Co-Educational College and, yes, HKU. To be sure, the Kotewall Road intersects with University Drive.

Kotewall died in 1949 but left behind a legacy of paying it forward within his family. His daughter Doris Zimmern started the Doris Zimmern Charitable Foundation, which funds scholarships to promote student exchanges between HKU and the University of Cambridge. In 2008 Kotewall's grandson, Dr Ronald Zimmern, bestowed the Sir Robert Kotewall Professorship in Public Health in his grandfather's name, and last year increased the giving with

羅旭蘇爵（1880–1949）家族有大半世紀行善的傳統。羅爵士為前香港立法局及行政局議員，曾捐助香港大會堂圖書館、聖保羅男女校和香港大學。以他命名的旭蘇道，恰巧和大學道交界。

羅爵士特別關注公共衛生，1941年4月16日一份香港大學的會議記錄，便註明羅爵士曾倡議在港大成立公共衛生教席。羅爵士的善心卻由後人承傳。2008年，羅爵士的外孫 Dr Ronald Zimmern



HKU Council
minutes,
April 16, 1941
1941年4月16日
的港大會議記錄

the Doris Zimmern Professorship in Community Child Health, named after his mother.

Kotewall's passion for public health can be seen in the original minutes of the HKU's Council, dated April 16, 1941, which were later found in the University Archives. At the Council meeting HKU's then Vice-Chancellor, with his motion seconded by Kotewall, sanctioned the launch of a Professorship in Public Health, which shows Kotewall's commitment to that field.

Kotewall's passion to promote public health and wellness has also been passed to his future generations. Zimmern was trained as a doctor at Trinity College at the University of Cambridge and started the Public Health Genetics Unit in 1997 at Cambridge.

The two recipients of the Endowed Professorships from the Kotewall family understand the weight of the legacy that the endowments carry. Lam Tai-Hing, Sir Robert Kotewall Professor, has been an outspoken anti-smoking advocate in Hong Kong and used the funding to promote community health. Lau Yu-Lung, the Doris Zimmern Professor, focuses on researching the genetics of infectious diseases and illnesses in children. They both hope to live up to the Kotewall legacy of paying it forward.

The Story of Loke Yew Hall

Before there were Warren Buffet and Bill Gates, there was Loke Yew, a tin-mining tycoon and philanthropist.

Loke is an important figure in HKU's history, and another example of how philanthropy can be a family affair. Loke Yew's story is one of rags-to-riches. Born in 1847, he set sail at the age of 13 from Guangdong, in China's countryside, to Singapore and subsequently to Malaysia, where he made his fortune by starting businesses in real estate, rice and motor companies. The businessman, known for being down-to-earth, preferred the rickshaw and inexpensive suits to their more expensive alternatives.

In 1912, he was instrumental in creating an endowment fund at the University, and three years later he offered the University a 21-year-interest-free loan of HK\$500,000, when the University faced bankruptcy. The loan was key in helping HKU stay open, and offer scholarships for underprivileged students from Singapore and Malaysia.

Loke's legacy is very much alive at HKU today. HKU's central Great Hall built in 1910 was renamed after Loke Yew in his

為紀念外祖父，成立羅旭蘇基金教授席（公共衛生學）。去年更為紀念母親（Doris Zimmern），成立施羅艷基金教授席（社區兒童健康），更設獎學金支持港大和劍橋學生交流。

獲委任羅旭蘇基金教授席和施羅艷基金教授席的，分別為林大慶和劉宇隆。林大慶為港大公共衛生學院院長、世界著名控煙科學家，他的科學研究為國際公共衛生作出重要貢獻。劉宇隆專注兒童及青少年健康的研究，為衛生署肺炎球菌疫苗注射工作小組的主席，致力推行為全港兒童注射肺炎球菌疫苗的計劃。

陸佑堂的故事

陸佑是香港大學早期發展史上的重要人物，他13歲輾轉由廣東至星加坡及馬來西亞謀生，由當小礦工開始奮鬥，平素生活儉樸，營商致富後，1912年在港大慷慨成立基金，三年後，港大因財困瀕臨倒閉，陸佑提供了五十萬元的21年免息貸款，此筆款項即時為大學解困，也為在港大唸書的星加坡及馬來西亞貧苦學生提供獎學金。

港大建於1910年。屬港大建築象徵的大禮堂，1956年正式命名為陸佑堂，在此典雅的大樓內，曾舉辦無數重要慶典及學生活動。陸佑堂座落於本部大樓，大樓亦於1984年被列為歷史建築。



Loke Yew, wearing his academic gown in 1916
穿著學術袍的陸佑

honour in 1956. The building is the backdrop of many of HKU's most important ceremonies and events. In 1984, the Main Building which houses Loke Yew Hall was declared a historic monument.

In 2008 Loke's descendants Ruby Loke Yuen-Kin and Professor "Charlie" Loke Yung-Wai, who lectures and specialises in the area of immunology at the University of Cambridge, created the Loke Yew Professorship in Pathology in memory of their grandfather. "Loke Yew played a pivotal role in the founding of The University of Hong Kong. He also established a scholarship fund in support of medical and engineering students," they said of their grandfather. Today Irene O L Ng at the Department of Pathology is the torchbearer of Loke's legacy.

Hung Hing-Ying: A Supporter of Arts and Sciences

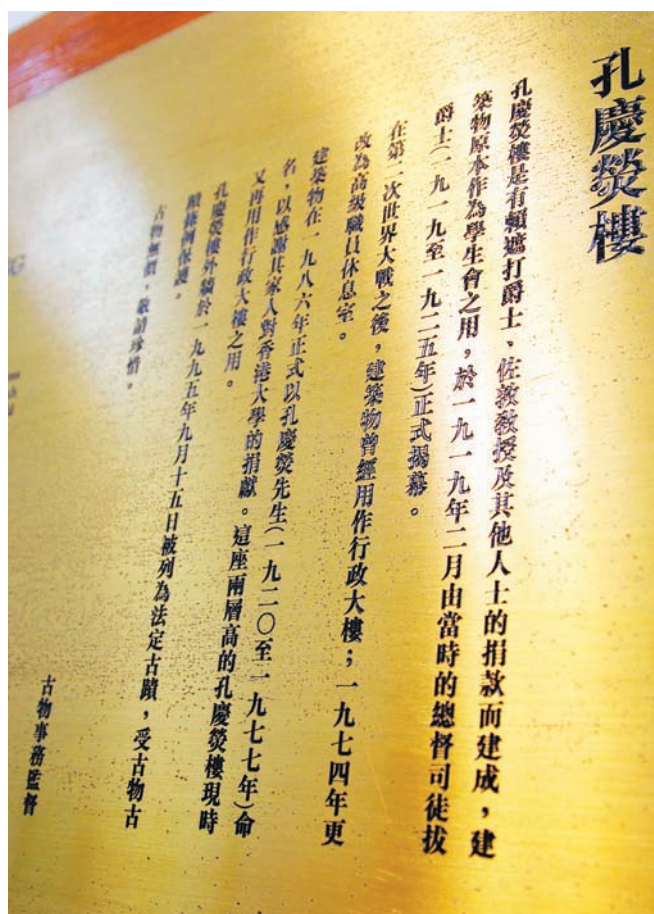
On a quiet day on campus, the sound of music echoes through the rotunda of the Hung Hing Ying Building on HKU's Main Campus. The building, which stands out with its Edwardian-styled architecture, has housed the Department of Music since 1996.



Loke Yew Hall 陸佑堂



Hung Hing-Ying Building 孔慶熒樓



Hung Hing-Ying was a successful Hong Kong businessman and the Hung family has a long history of giving to HKU. In 1986, the building was named in recognition of the family's generous support of research in physical sciences and postgraduate scholarships at HKU.

In 2008, the Hung family, led by Hung's daughter Belinda, created the Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Fellow in Humanities with a donation of HK\$15 million to celebrate the 80th birthday of her mother Hung Leung Hau-Ling.

In 2010, the family started the Hung Hing-Ying Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Science and Technology with a HK\$20 million donation, which was again matched dollar for dollar by HKU.

2008年，陸佑後人陸元堅女士及陸容威教授，成立陸佑基金教授席，以紀念及繼承祖父對教育、對香港的支持。獲委任的是病理學教授及肝癌肝炎研究實驗室主任吳呂愛蓮。

孔慶熒家族：科技人文

圓拱形的孔慶熒樓，座落本部大樓前方。愛德華式建築內，不時傳出動聽旋律。1996年始，是音樂系所在地。孔慶熒是香港成功商人，一生自奉簡樸，因自小輟學，所以特別尊重學者，1986年，大學表揚孔氏家族對科學研究及研究生獎學金的大力支持，將建築物命名為孔慶熒樓。

2008年，孔氏家族為慶祝孔慶熒夫人孔梁巧玲女士八大壽，捐贈港幣一千五百萬元，成立港大「孔梁巧玲傑出人文學者」計劃。去年，孔氏家族再捐贈二千萬元，成立「孔慶熒傑出客座教授席」，特以支持科技項目的交流和研究。