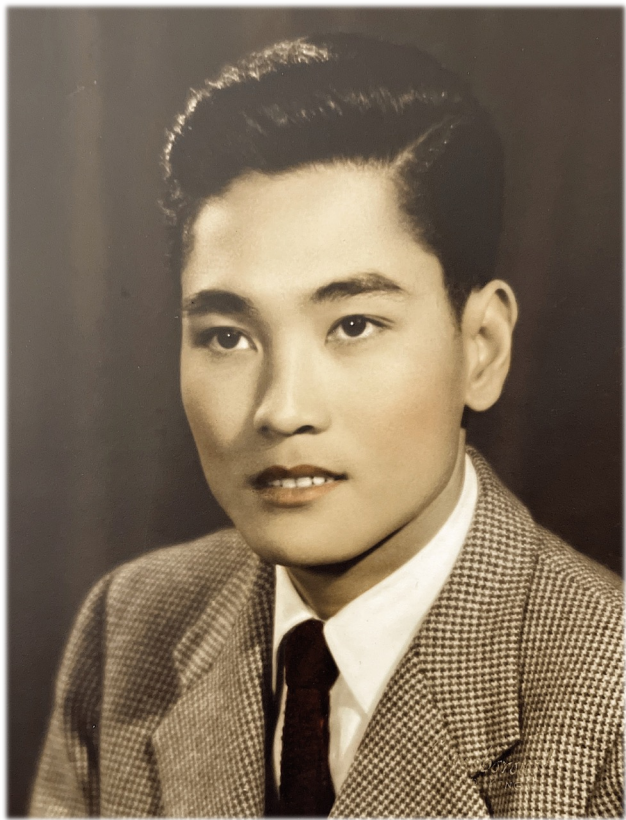




Dr Cheung Huen Cheong Thomas
張煊昌博士

1929-2023



In Loving Memory
of
Dr Cheung Huen Cheong Thomas MH FCII

Dr Cheung was a prominent figure and a distinguished personage in the Hong Kong insurance industry, a well-known entrepreneur, a renowned philanthropist, loving and committed husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Dr Cheung founded The Pacific Insurance Company, Limited and The Pacific Life Assurance Company, Limited in 1960. He had over 70 years of experience in insurance industry. In 2019, the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII) awarded the Honorary Fellowship to Dr Cheung for his contribution and seven decades of service to the insurance profession. He was the first international insurance professional outside of the United Kingdom to receive this honour.

His business venture took him to Sri Lanka, and with his long association, he was appointed and served as Honorary Consul for Sri Lanka in Hong Kong and Macau SAR for nearly 30 years. In recognition of his great contribution to the country, the President of Sri Lanka conferred upon him the National Honour *Sri Lanka Ranjana* in 1991 and also named a village after him as *Thomas Cheung Gama*.

A renowned philanthropist, Dr Cheung made numerous contributions to charities for education, medicine, disaster relief, and poverty alleviation in Hong Kong and overseas. He is especially supportive to The Chinese University of Hong Kong, making numerous donations to set up scholarships, build sporting facilities, support staff and student activities and for medical research.

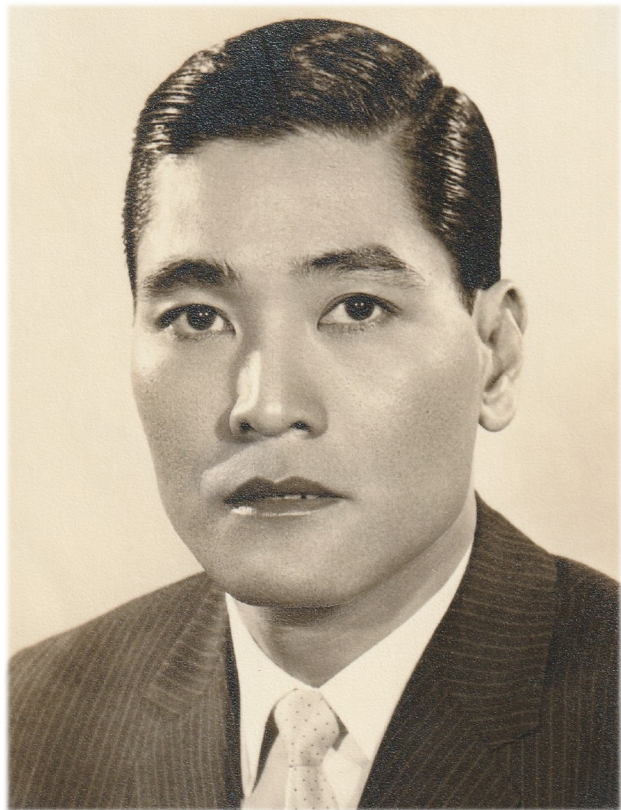
Dr Cheung was a passionate advocate for education and served as Emeritus Chairman or Director of a number of educational institutions. His major donations to The Education Foundation of The Federation of The Alumni Associations of The Chinese University of Hong Kong helped to establish CUHK FAA Thomas Cheung Secondary School, CUHK FAA Thomas Cheung School and CUHK FAA Thomas Cheung Kindergarten.

Dr Cheung received a degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*, CUHK (1993), Medal of Honour, the Government of the HKSAR (2005) and a Honorary Fellow CUHK (2005), Honorary University Fellow, The Open University of Hong Kong (2005) and many other recognitions.

As his birthplace, Dr Cheung always had a deep affection towards Hong Kong and a strong desire to give back. His path of success and numerous contributions to Hong Kong is an exemplary model for future generations.

Dr Cheung ascribed his working principles as meticulous planning, courageous implementation, far-sighted vision and rigorous review. These were his mighty steps towards his success and accounts for his outstanding achievements.

He leaves a strong legacy in the companies that he founded, with his family, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.



永遠懷念 張煊昌博士MH, FCII

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張博士是香港保險業界的領袖人物，也是成功的企業家及熱心公益的慈善家，同時亦是一位慈愛盡責的丈夫、父親、祖父及曾祖父。

張博士屹立保險業已逾七十載，對香港保險發展貢獻良多。1960年，他成立太平洋保險有限公司及太平洋人壽保險有限公司。2019年，英國特許保險學院更向張博士授予榮譽資深院士頭銜，以表彰他七十年來對保險業的貢獻及服務，成為英國以外首位榮獲此殊榮的國際保險從業員。

張博士因公務需要頻繁踏足斯里蘭卡，與當地建立長久及良好合作關係，被該國委任為斯里蘭卡駐香港及澳門名譽領事接近30年。他更於1991年獲斯里蘭卡總統頒授國家榮譽勳銜 *Sri Lanka Ranjana*，總統更將當地一條鄉村以張博士的姓名命名為 *Thomas Cheung Gama*，以表揚他對斯里蘭卡作出的卓越貢獻。

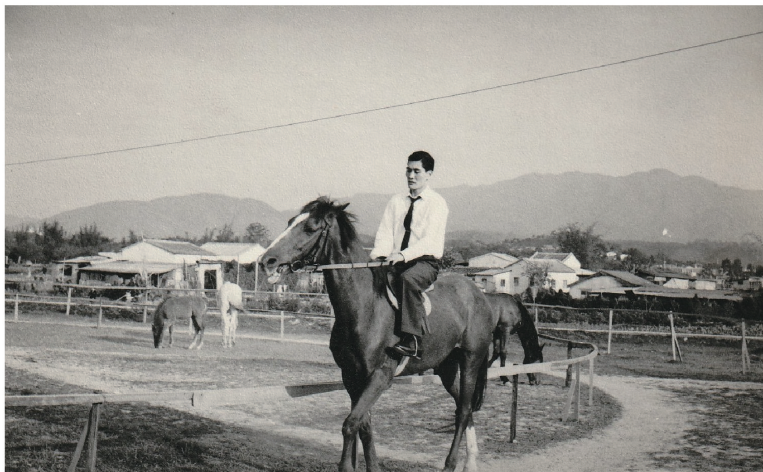
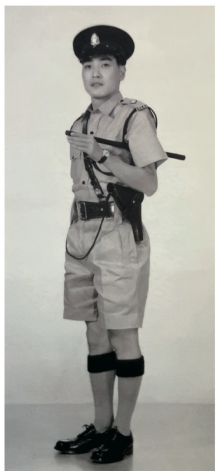
張博士同時是一位樂善好施的慈善家，他心繫社會，對海內外教育、醫療、賑災、扶貧等領域的慈善事業均慷慨解囊。張博士鼎力支持母校香港中文大學的發展，包括設立獎學金、建設體育設施、支援教職員及學生活動，並捐助款項支援中大的醫學研究。

熱心參與教育，張博士亦曾任多間教育機構的榮譽主席或董事，更向中大校友會聯會屬下教育基金會捐助鉅款，成立香港中文大學校友會聯會張煊昌中學、香港中文大學校友會聯會張煊昌學校及香港中文大學校友會聯會張煊昌幼稚園。

張博士榮獲多項名銜及殊榮，包括1993年獲香港中文大學授予榮譽法學博士名銜、2005年獲香港特區政府頒發榮譽勳章、香港中文大學授予榮譽院士名銜、香港公開大學授予榮譽大學院士名銜。

張博士生於香港，因此對這片土地懷揣濃厚感情，希望回饋我城。他的成功之道以及對香港的無盡貢獻，堪稱後人楷模。他曾表示，做人處事應當鎮密規劃、大膽執行、高瞻遠矚、嚴密審視，而他亦嚴遵這些原則，穩步邁向成功之路，取得傑出成就。

相信張博士的成就與貢獻，將深烙其創辦的公司之員工、其家人、子女、孫輩及曾孫輩的心中。









Most people who knew my father, including his business associates, employees, colleagues, and friends, would have known him as someone with immense business acumen. He had foresight, determination, and courage that helped him weather many corporate storms during the growth and establishment of his company. He was never afraid of challenges, or the seemingly impossible. It was never too much trouble, too time consuming, or too costly to chase after his opportunities. He pursued his business dreams with utmost passion, ingenuity, and tenacity. Pacific Insurance Corporation is the ultimate testimony to my father's character, decades of hard work, and vision. It is my father's legacy.

As we know, he also contributed to many communities. He donated generously to the areas of education, economic relief, and the arts. He had great compassion for the young, vulnerable, and those in need. He was quick to offer a helping hand, and never quibbled over the trouble or cost of doing so. He never held a grudge, was quick to let go of the trivial, and always forgave and forgot.

Most people probably don't know that my father was a professional musician. In his youth, in a time of war and economic scarcity, he worked in nightclubs playing the violin and saxophone. With no musical training or the ability to read music, his knowledge of popular music of the day was extensive, and he could play and improvise



with a band spontaneously. I remember many years ago, we were in a restaurant that had live music. I had no idea of the depth of my father's music repertoire, until he started requesting song after song from the 50's and the 60's. The whole dinner evening was rapturously immersed in the music of Elvis Presley, Paul Anka, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, and many more.

My father inherited his musical talent from his father, who also was a musician, and toured extensively with a band playing the erhu. My father passed on his musical genes to many of his children; but for me, I took after him in his love of animals and horses. He rode retired race horses when he was young. It was no small feat to ride these horses, because they were just off-the-track thoroughbred horses that had no training, no handling, and were very young. Knowing what I know now about horses, it was an extremely dangerous activity, and could have turned fatal for humans and horses in the blink of an eye. In fact, one time, he actually did fall off a horse, and had to have seven stitches administered above his eyebrow. It was after this accident that he decided to give up riding, because he realized it could jeopardize his work life. But my father was always supportive of his children. Despite the inherent danger of horseback riding, he understood my love for horses, and encouraged me to pursue my interest. I have owned several horses, and continue to enjoy arena and outdoor riding.



In my day-to-day surroundings, there are many things that remind me of my father, so memories of him will always be close to me. But perhaps I feel his presence the most when I am on a horse, doing something that he also enjoyed, knowing that he and I shared the understanding and appreciation for horses. These heavenly creatures are full of vitality, intelligence, and love. My father also embodied these virtuous characteristics, and lived a life that was filled with zestful spirit of the noble equus.

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You taught me humility
 You taught me kindness
 You taught me generosity
 You taught me punctuality
 You taught me courtesy
 You taught me forgiveness
 I am because of you
 Thank you, Dad
 Margaret



Ahoy Captain!

Dad valued people. He believed that they are the social fabric of a vibrant society such as Hong Kong...a city he deeply loved. He enjoyed interacting with everyone, whether it be his family, friends, his office staff, restaurant employees, lobby receptionists or even saying good morning to strangers in an elevator.

When socializing with people, Dad always made an asserted effort to get to know them. To him, asking questions meant caring. Also, helping people was another way for Dad to show that he cared. More importantly, it was his way to pay it forward for help he received from those who came before him.

In his various capacities as a leader, Dad not only guided and nurtured people, but he often helped them as well. He knew that all he needed to do sometimes was to help people in their crucial times of need just enough so that they could get back on their feet and carry on. It is like a tugboat captain...providing a vital tow just enough for a vessel to safely go from point A to B on the choppy sea.



Throughout his life, Dad made it his mission to help for the common good in society. And it was his passion to simply help to make people happy. When people were happy, Dad was happy.

So Captain Dad, “anchors aweigh!” Smooth sailing to wherever you are going! Now, I hope you will get to enjoy all the 魚翅, 半脂叉燒 and 杏仁 pancake to your heart’s content! You truly deserve it!

Love you Dad and thank you!

Until we meet again...

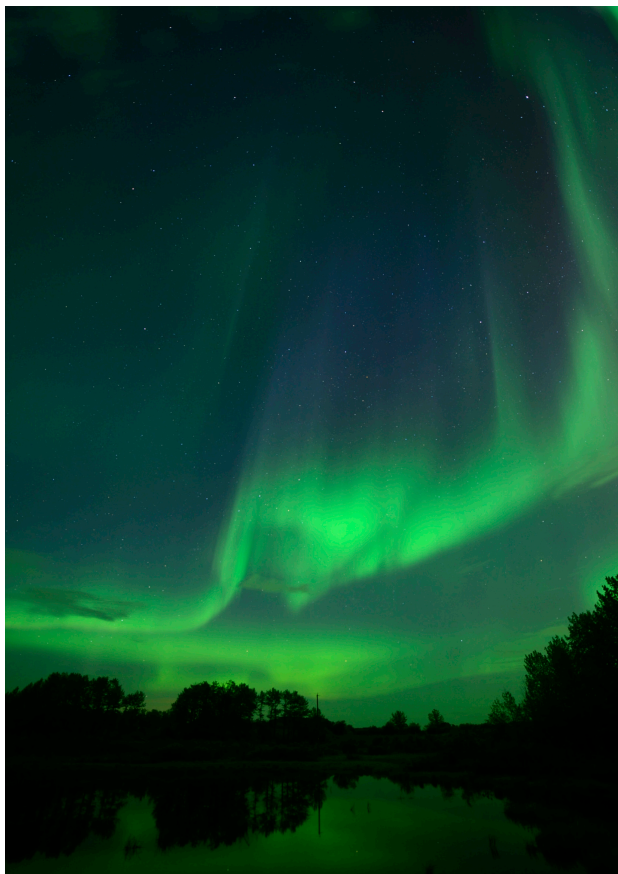
Your daughter,
Catherine

“Those we love never truly leave us. There are things that death cannot touch.”

- Jack Thorne



爸爸:



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Peace, my heart, let the time for the parting be sweet. Let it not be a death but completeness. Let love melt into memory and pain into songs. Let the flight through the sky end in the folding of the wings over the nest. Let the last touch of your hands be gentle like the flower of the night. Stand still, O Beautiful End, for a moment, and say your last words in silence. I bow to you and hold up my lamp to light you on your way.

Rabindranath Tagore

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Even as a child, I always thought my father was way ahead of his time. His vision, success, charisma, determination, personality and energy was just out of this world. He was always in complete control. I was always in awe of him.

Yet what I think impacted me the most about him was his unwavering generosity, kindness and care for others. He always told me, "Take care of the people you meet. Invest in your friends, you never know who will help you one day." He was so right and he met many of my lifelong friends, and along with many others he met, people always say to me, "Your father is just amazing!"

While we spent many years apart when we moved to Canada, he invited me back every summer as a child to spend time with him in Hong Kong. Those visits really shaped who I am and especially in my identity that Hong Kong is my home.



When I moved back to embark on my career, he infused in me the standards, benchmark, and requirements, to be a successful and upstanding individual in our community. Not only to strive to have one's own successes, but to pay it forward, to help others whenever I can, and to do it wholeheartedly and unconditionally.

Throughout my professional career, I am so lucky that my father was totally engaged,

involved, and I never made any career move without his invaluable advice. He always cared and many times saw something in me that I didn't see in myself.

My father was the person who encouraged me to be an entrepreneur. His encouragement was simple and direct, "Peter, you have achieved so much success for others, now be your own boss!"

The day I launched my company was a tribute to my father. He was my guest of honour and many people were more excited to meet him than to see me. He gave me the full support, advice and was always interested in what was happening. On many occasions, he surprised me with his in-depth understanding and knowledge of what I do, even though it was a completely different industry than his own.

In my heart, I know there were times I disappointed my father too. I know he was worried, frustrated or let down by me, but in the end, he always found a way to accept me.

Dad, I will try to be the best person I can be, to serve the family, the community and Hong Kong, which is nothing compared to what you did for so many others.

I love you and miss you Dad.

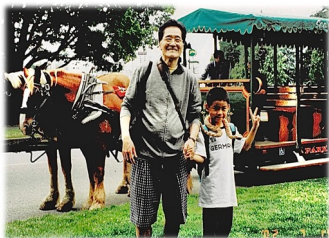


Peter

There are several things I will remember most about my dad. First, he was extremely kind and generous to all, regardless of background and place in life. This is demonstrated by his numerous charitable donations throughout the years, as well as by the number of people present today to say a final thank you and farewell.

Second, he was an extremely hard worker who never took shortcuts and did things meticulously. Not only is this reflected in the growth and success of his insurance companies, but also in how he conducted himself in his personal life and for our family - whenever I needed to find a small piece of information from over 10 years ago to fill out a form, I know dad would always have this information ready since he always kept track of records for everything.

Last, but certainly not least, he was a loving father and husband who put his family as his number one priority. The decision to let me and my mom go to Vancouver in 2005 was probably one of the hardest decisions he



had to make in his life, and he also made further sacrifices by flying two to three times a year to stay with us. Looking back, I now know how hard it was being a father to me in Vancouver while staying up late at night to work during Hong Kong office hours, but all of us can say with confidence that this has made me a better person and a better son today.

Thank you for everything!

David



Dearest Grandpa:

Thank you for all your generous support and love all these years. We will miss the great - no, the best - Chinese dinners with you. But we will continue to tell our girls amazing stories about their great-grandpa, stories they both love to hear. You will forever be in our hearts.

Love,

Jordon, Gracia, Ella and Marlowe









