

Honorary Fellow A Citation

Mr Fan Shi-hoo, Hamen, BS

A successful man of business, his heart set on education, a rescuer of many through medicine, he is deserving of being a fine social role model.

Mr Fan Shi-hoo, Hamen who has long been devoting himself actively and contributing generously to education and charity in Hong Kong and mainland China, is a renowned figure in the business sector and a prominent member of society. He has also been a long-term supporter and benefactor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Shaw College and of the University Council. He has devoted himself in working wholeheartedly and untiringly for the development in the University and the education of the students, with a great deal of time, money and effort.

As a native of Ningbo, Mr Fan's ancestor, Fan Wenfu was a well-known medical doctor in Zhejiang, famous throughout the area south of the Yangtze for his medical skill and magnanimous acts. The Fan family then moved to Shanghai, and Mr Fan's father took up commerce instead of medicine and started his own business. Mr Fan was born in Shanghai, and moved to Hong Kong in the 1960s. He went to the US after completing high school. He majored in economics at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, Illinois. On his return to Hong Kong after graduation, Mr Fan became actively involved in the business sector. In 1983, he set up Pac-Fung International Limited, serving as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the company. Under his leadership, production and trade developed rapidly. With its business based in Hong Kong and production headquarters situated in Jiangmen, Guangdong, the group now has investments in mainland China and in the US.

While his business is flourishing, Mr Fan is also passionate about community service, particularly caring for children from lower-income families and the physically impaired. Such dedication may very well be inherited from his generous ancestor. In 1991, Mr Fan founded the Hong Kong Children's Heart Fund, serving as the Vice-Chairman until 2011. During his 20-year tenure as Vice-Chairman, the Fund supported nearly 300 paediatric patients from low-income families in Hong Kong and mainland China to undergo cardiac surgery for atrial septal defects. Mr Fan also served as the Chairman of the Board of Advisers of the Adventist Hospital Foundation, contributing enormously to medical

and charitable affairs in Hong Kong. Currently, he holds many official positions, including the Vice-chairmanship of the Shanghai Fraternity Association Hong Kong, and membership of the People's Political Consultative Committee of Jiangmen, Guangdong. When the Shanghai Fraternity Association runs its annual events for the underprivileged and elderly, Mr Fan always plays an active role in person. He is similarly supportive of social work carried out in partnership with many social enterprises and charitable groups, inspiring admiration and gratitude through his tireless effort and generosity.

Mr Hamen Fan has consistently shown great concern for CUHK, both for its research and education and for the fostering of its students. He has been supportive of the development of colleges and guidance for the students. Over the years, he has made generous contributions to the Shaw College for various causes including college development, scholarships, internship programmes, and renovation of facilities. Mr Fan has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Shaw College since 2003. In 2005, he took on the chairmanship of Finance Committee, adding the post of Honorary Treasurer in the following year. Since 2011, he has also served as a member of the CUHK Council. Mr Fan has been a staunch supporter of the recently founded Lee Woo Sing College, contributing generously to the establishment of the Hamen Fan Shi Hoo Endowment Fund, offering paid campus work opportunities to local students affiliated to the College. The student residents can spend their free time assisting in the research work in the faculty. Meanwhile, the students can also gain work experience and income. A good method of achieving a fine purpose, this initiative bears witness to Mr Fan's interest in student welfare.

Mr Fan also has a passion for Chinese culture. In celebration of the CUHK Golden Jubilee Anniversary, he generously supported *The Operatic Journey of Cultural Heritage through Peking, Kunqu and Cantonese Traditions* in 2013. He has also sponsored other cultural and academic activities such as *Ten Years' Retrospect of Chinese Theatre (1993-2003)*, a symposium held in 2004 by CUHK. In recent years, he has generously given his advice and ideas for the development of the Faculty of Engineering in the University. He has founded scholarships for engineering students to encourage them to take part in exchange programmes. It is his earnest wish that engineering graduates should take their place on the international stage.

In recognition of all the contributions Mr Fan Shi-hoo, Hamen has made to medical, educational and charitable works in mainland China and Hong Kong, as well as recognition of his long-standing support to Shaw College, Lee Woo Sing College and the Faculty of Engineering, and his endeavours for the University, Mr Vice-Chancellor, it is my great pleasure to present to you Mr Fan Shi-hoo, Hamen for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.