

Honorary Fellow A Citation



Mr Sung Sheung Hong

Mr Sung Sheung Hong, a prominent industrialist in Hong Kong, is also a philanthropist of note with a special devotion to educational causes. He is a chartered engineer by profession, being a Fellow of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers and a Fellow of the Welding Institute in the United Kingdom. He is the Chairman and Managing Director of both Unimet Investments Limited and Union Metal Works Limited. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Hong Kong in 1937, and in 1938 proceeded to further studies in Britain by attending the College of Technology in Manchester and then the Royal Technical College in Glasgow. He also undertook training in production engineering in a number of famous industrial companies. In 1946 he returned to Hong Kong and launched into the engineering business. From then on he has not looked back but devoted all his time and energy to promoting industrial and commercial growth in Hong Kong, making significant contributions to our city's prosperity.

Mr Sung is an ardent supporter of services provided in the public interest and is himself an avid participant. As far back as 1955 he was already a member of the newly created Trade and Industry Advisory Board, and he was a member of the General Committee of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce from 1975 to 1989. His services are not confined to local causes and he was a District Governor of Rotary International in Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. He is also the Chairman and Superintendent of the Pentecostal Mission in Hong Kong and Kowloon. Over the years Mr Sung has participated in countless conferences of major importance convened by prestigious international organizations: in 1972 he was a member of the International Associates Programme of the Stanford Research Institute, and in 1976 he served as a member of the Hong Kong Group of the Pacific Basin Economic Council. In 1978 he was invited to be an Associate of the Conference Board. He has always been Hong Kong's champion on important international occasions, and his forthright willingness to speak in defence of our city has come to be greatly admired and respected by many.

Mr Sung is a Christian of exemplary piety who puts Christ's teaching on giving into practice. In 1973, he established the S H SUNG SPECIAL WORLD SERVICE FUND under the United Bible Societies. This is a most meaningful facility whereby the interest derived from the Fund is used to finance the translation, publication and distribution of the Bible in various parts of the world.

The pious labours of Mr Sung have borne fruit, as evidenced by the abundance of scriptural translations that have been supported by his Fund over the years. These include, at present, 35 translations of the complete Bible and 33 versions of the New Testament, covering a wide variety of languages such as Italian Common Language, New Turkish and Sumu, a native language of Nicaragua. Furthermore, by early 2003, over 30 million copies of the Chinese Bible



in the simplified script have been published through the Amity Foundation in Nanjing. These data allow us a glimpse of the immensity of Mr Sung's project, and the extent of its influence. Mr Sung also makes substantial donation in his own name to purchase quality paper for the printing of Bibles in China. As to the building of churches in Zhongshan, China, Mr Sung has facilitated, through the Pentecostal Mission in Hong Kong and Kowloon, the construction of an edifice that seats 1,100 in Yuanfeng and another seating 900 in Sanxiang. A third church is situated in Longdou and accommodates 1,450 worshippers. These church buildings, fully financed through Mr Sung's scheme, are all equipped with their own conference rooms, offices, and Sunday school facilities.

Mr Sung has a deep concern for educational developments in Hong Kong, and has been a major supporter of Chung Chi College for many years. He has been a member of the College's Board of Trustees since 1976, in which capacity he gives sound advice on College business without fail. In 2002, on the occasion of the College's Golden Jubilee Celebration, Mr Sung led the Pentecostal Mission, Hong Kong and Kowloon, to donate HK\$15 million for the conversion of a 380-bed hostel for Chung Chi students. The hostel is now an elegant place of dwelling where students may pursue their studies and develop their campus lives in comfort. Apart from these acts of munificence, Mr Sung believes that for university students to be competitive in an environment that is highly susceptible to change, a broad purview and an innovative mind are essential. Hence his substantial donation to the College's Anniversary Fund enables the establishment of an innovation award, with which he hopes to help students release their creative potential and learn to cope with challenges of the future through innovations. Mr Vice-Chancellor, in consideration of his sustained contributions to worthy causes and acts of great benevolence, may I present Mr Sung Sheung Hong for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.