# Professor Lo Hong-lit 羅慷烈

#### 羅慷烈教授於二零零九年六月十二日逝世,享年九十五歲。

羅慷烈教授於一九四零年畢業於廣州中山大學文學院中文系,一直從事中文教育。曾任香港培正中學教師和羅富國師範學院講師,一九六六年起在香港大學中文系任教,直至一九八三年退休。 羅教授對中國古典詩、詞、曲的研究,在香港和國內學術界,無人不知。羅教授對經、史、 文字學、音韻學等,都有極高的造詣,因此他曾多次在香港大學講授《周易》、《尚書》、 《三家詩》、《春秋三傳》等。

羅教授著述甚豐,分別在國內、香港和台灣出版。其中《元曲三百首箋》一書,面世以來, 一直為兩岸三地多間大學的指定參考讀物。單篇論文數量逾六十篇,散見於國內和香港的一級 學術雜誌和論文集,備受學術界重視。



Professor Lo Hong-lit 羅慷烈 (left) and his student Professor Richard Ho Man-wui 何文匯 at the Kowloon Walled City Park 九龍寨城公園 in 2004.

Professor Lo Hong-lit, one of the most revered classical Chinese scholars, passed away on June 12, 2009 at the age of 95.

Professor Lo joined the Department of Chinese, HKU in 1966 and retired in 1983. He was held in high regard within academia, first and foremost for his achievements in classical Chinese poetry spanning from the *shi* of the Tang Dynasty to the *ci* of the Song Dynasty and the *qu* of the Yuan Dynasty. His wide-ranging scholarship extended beyond poetry to the Confucian classics, Chinese history and historiography, different philosophical traditions and the great anthologies, as well as classical philology and phonology.

A prolific and versatile researcher, Professor Lo was author of over sixty monographs published in leading journals and reputable collections.

# 翰墨因緣

何文匯教授 (BA 1969; MPhil 1972)

今年六月十九日,羅師母和女公子羅賁如律師、子婿、哲嗣羅鳴謙教授會同四位羅老師的學生——單周堯教授、鄧昭祺教授、黃嫣梨教授和我,商討羅老師的喪禮事宜。師母並且囑咐我今天用十分鐘,就我的個人經歷,略述羅老師的軼事。

羅老師和我都在一九六六年加入香港大學,羅老師任教職,我入讀本科一年級。當時中學生大都要讀羅老師和其他兩位先生合編的《新編國文》;所以羅老師的大名,在學界幾乎無人不知。

我還記得一九六六年夏天某日,我去港大選科,走進中文系辦公室,在幾位指導老師面前填寫表格。其中一位容止閑雅的中年老師一邊看著我填寫表格,一邊稱讚我的鋼筆字寫得好;繼而問我是不是常常寫毛筆字。我說不是。跟著還說,多寫毛筆字也不一定能寫好字,我的鄉先輩康有為常常寫毛筆字,可是他的字還是寫得不好。這位老師對我如此狂妄的態度不但不以為忤,反而莞爾而笑。我當時還未知道和我談話的,就是鼎鼎大名的羅慷烈先生;亦想不到,由當日開始,我們便結下永遠的、密切的師生關係。

我就讀本科時,立志磨去圭角,於是請羅老師賜我「衣錦尚褧」四字墨寶,作為座右銘。羅老師並不吝嗇筆墨,竟然寫了「衣錦尚褧,惡其文之著也。故君子之道闇然而日章」二十個字,以積極的語調收筆。反而最驚心動魄的「小人之道的然而日亡」就不寫,讓我自己去領略。羅老師誨人之道,由此可見一斑。

我做哲學碩士研究生時,羅老師是我的導師。除了對我循循善誘之外,又容許我晚上用他的辦公室寫論文。羅 老師更邀請美國威斯康辛大學東亞語言文學系系主任、漢學大師周策縱教授作為我的校外考試委員,間接使我 得以在一九七四年從倫敦前往威斯康辛大學教書,大大增廣我的見聞。當我在外國的時候,羅老師的航空郵柬 和信件亦經常降臨英國和美國,為我解答學術和處世的問題。

一九七一年,我從香港去英國倫敦攻讀博士學位。當時居室患鼠,令我感到非常苦惱。羅老師寫信告訴我,日軍侵華期間,他隨校西遷,途中曾經作七律一首,現在只記得「三更穴鼠嚙枯壁,五夜長歌缺唾壺」一聯。提議我不妨足成一首新的七律,分散我對鼠輩的注意力。我於是報以七律一首:「每披黃卷見鴻儒,陋室能藏術士徒。氣有大剛閑處養,心方偏遠一城孤。三更穴鼠嚙枯壁,五夜長歌缺唾壺。貞得幽人且无悶,漫天狂雪易迷途。」羅老師回信説,詩寫得好,不過就帶點「頭巾氣」。此語使我茅塞頓開,對於作詩之道,又有了更深了解。可見羅老師教誨後學的成功處,全在乎因勢利導。而我亦因而終身受益。

羅老師溫文爾雅,從來不對學生頤指氣使。〈中庸〉記載孔子的話:「寬柔以敎,不報無道,南方之強也,君子居之。」羅老師正是行「南方之強」。同時,羅老師「和而不流,中立而不倚」,亦是行古人所謂「中國之強」;所以學生都樂於追隨左右,受其身敎。我們亦由此目睹羅老師「體漸弱」而「志彌堅」,因之深受感動。

羅府在樓房平地的一層,不過從樓房大門到家門要上三級台階,平時不用兩秒鐘便上完。但是,羅老師在今年五月已經要左手握台階扶手,右手握手杖支撐,並要由人攙扶,舉步難艱,用了大約一分鐘才上完三級台階,實在非常吃力。但當他返回家裡,坐在椅上,依然心境開朗,依然談笑風生。如此豁達的胸襟,令我們肅然起敬。

六月十日,羅師母打電話給我, 說鳴謙從美國回來度假, 羅老師想約我一起吃午飯。我們於是約定在六月十一日見面。當日, 羅老師雙腳已經完全無力, 不要說上下台階, 連踏平地都不可能。所以我們外出吃午飯, 羅老師要由鳴謙抱上車和抱下車, 其他時候就以汽車和輪椅代步。席上, 羅老師仍然興致勃勃。當時大家並沒有料到西苑酒家的午飯竟然是羅老師今生最後的午飯。十多個小時後, 羅老師就在睡眠中考終厥命, 重歸仙籍, 而典範就從此長留人間。

雖然仙凡未必同道,但我深信羅老師仙班重列,俯瞰凡塵,目睹親朋相送,亦必有所感。我的回憶,少不免會引起各位致祭嘉賓的回憶。今天,就讓我們以回憶作為羅老師的送別禮物。

# Professor Sir Harry Fang 方心讓 (MBBS 1949; Hon LLD 1977)

Professor Sir Harry Fang, also known as "Father of Rehabilitation" 復康之父, passed away on August 24, 2009 at the age of 86.

# The world is a poorer place for his passing, but a better place for his having been here.

"A man who lived a life filled with compassion for others, Professor Fang added to the sum of human happiness. Highly esteemed and revered by his students, colleagues and friends, this kind, caring, gentle man will be sadly missed and will long be remembered for his invaluable contributions to orthopaedic medicine, social and rehabilitation services, and his profound legacy which is found in the body of work into which he poured his heart.

One cannot overstate the impact he had on orthopaedic medicine and rehabilitation in Hong Kong and the Mainland. From his earliest significant contribution to orthopaedic surgery, which was known internationally as the "Hong Kong Operation" for the treatment of skeletal tuberculosis, to the founding of orthopaedic departments at hospitals and rehabilitation centres across Hong Kong, Professor Fang fought valiantly to ease the suffering of his patients. He felt that children in particular suffered the most and, in 1959, he co-founded the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation and began building a home in Sandy Bay for convalescing children, now the Duchess of Kent Children's Orthopaedic Hospital. He was instrumental in formulating rehabilitation policies aimed at not only improvements for the disadvantaged but also social integration."

The University of Hong Kong Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, HKU HKU Medical Alumni Association The University of Hong Kong Foundation

"From early on in his career, he contributed to the international reputation of the Department by pioneering novel surgical approaches, most notably the Fang-Ong transoral approach, for the treatment of various conditions of the spine. His love for his patients, surgical skills and vigour provided the foundation for many seminal works in the years that followed...

A gentleman, scholar, innovator, and activist are only but a few terms that attempt to define Professor Fang. As Sir Isaac Newton once said, 'If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.' If our Department takes pride today for its past accomplishments and future direction, it is attributed to such individuals as Professor Fang. He was a 'giant' among men who will continue to inspire many and to improve the lives of others as his memory will continue to live on in all our hearts. The members of the Department express their deepest condolences to Professor Fang's family."

Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology



Professor Sir Harry Fang at the 3rd International Abilympics in 1991. He led 1,000 people with or without disabilities in the longest Dancing Dragon which broke the Guinness Records.

"上世紀80年代初期,時任康復國際主席的方 心讓先生,對尚處於起步階段的內地殘疾人事 業給予了極大的關注和支持,為中國殘疾人事 業的快速發展做出了不可磨滅的貢獻。"

> 中國人民政治協商會議 全國委員會副主席鄧樸方

"他好有創意,時常有新想法,靈感源源不 絕,好像有無窮的精力,更重要的是他可以令 您死心塌地為復康工作而努力。"

> Christine Fang 方敏生 (BSocSc 1980) Daughter of Professor Sir Harry Fang

"Professor Sir Harry Fang Sin Yang is a legend of his times, and has made broad and significant contributions to both the Hong Kong and international

communities."

"You have left a great vacuum in all our lives. We will miss having you at the helm but you have left us with such wonderful memories - your infectious smile, your passion for life and all that is noble, beautiful and fun, your steadfastness and convictions, your commitment to excellence and public service."

> Anson Chan 陳方安生 (BA 1962; Hon LLD 1996) Niece of Professor Sir Harry Fang

"Most of us won't be able to say for certain that we left the world a better place — no matter how hard we tried. Sir Harry Fang can. He has made a difference. Every time you enter a hospital or notice a wheelchair ramp, you'll remember Harry Fang."

> Dr the Hon Sir T L Yang 楊鐵樑 (Hon DLitt 1991) Foreword to Rehabilitation: A Life's Work

Dr the Hon York Chow 周一嶽 (MBBS 1971)

## Corazon Cojuangco Aquino 亞基諾·科拉桑

(Hon LLD 1993)

Corazon Conjuangco Aquino, the 11<sup>th</sup> President of the Philippines, passed away on August 1, 2009 at the age of 76.



Cory, as she was affectionately called, received her education in the Philippines and the United States. She married her husband Ninoy in 1954 and they had five children together. When Ninoy was assassinated in 1983, Cory declared that she was "widowed of a man but remained wedded to his cause"; the cause was to unite the nation and bring it peace.

In 1986, Cory led the "people power" revolution that instigated the toppling of Ferdinand Marcos from power. In the six years that followed, her administration fought for the ideals of a democratic Philippines and worked hard to grapple with problems such as poverty and social injustice.

Of herself, Cory once said: "I have not always won, but, to the very end, I never shirked a fight and did not lose the last one."

This valiant fighter and reluctant leader saw the founding of a new republic and will be remembered as a president who not only overthrew an unconstitutional and tyrannical regime but also led a transition which reinstituted a democratic government in the Philippines.

In 1993, she was conferred the Degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa* by HKU for her contributions to cherishing the ideals of democratic principles.



## Professor Jimmy Chan 陳永昌

(BSc 1960; MA(Ed) 1969)

Professor Chan passed away on May 27, 2009, at the age of 74.

Professor Chan was a loyal and true friend to the University. He was a member of the Standing Committee (1960-1973), Clerk (1973-1979), Deputy Chairman (1979-1993) of Convocation, and Member of the Court (1973-1993) of the University.

After graduating from HKU, Professor Chan pursued his Doctoral degree at the University of London; then went to the University of Melbourne to undertake postdoctoral research study before returning to Hong Kong.

Professor Chan devoted himself to the development of psychology in Hong Kong and the Mainland, rising in the ranks of his profession to become one of Hong Kong's most prominent psychologists. He helped to establish the Hong Kong Psychological Society and was elected Fellow of the Society in 1982 and later President in 1993.

"He was so much a part of the history of the HKPsS (Hong Kong Psychological Society) and he took his responsibilities to develop both the profession, through the Society, as well as the teaching of Psychology very seriously."

Professor John A Spinks Director of Undergraduates Admissions and International Students Senior Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor, HKU

#### **Professor Peter B Harris**

Professor Harris passed away on July 28, 2009.

Professor Harris was awarded the position of Chair Professor in the Department of Political Science at The University of Hong Kong in January 1970 and remained in the post for twenty years until his retirement in June 1989. Upon his retirement he was awarded the position of Professor Emeritus.

As head of the Department, he was instrumental in developing successful courses both at undergraduate and postgraduate level; in particular, he introduced the highly regarded Master of Public Administration programme which trained many future leaders in government and other areas of the public sector.

Professor Harris held two doctoral degrees and was the University Orator for Honorary Degrees. He was author of a number of texts and published widely in journals in the fields of Public Administration, corruption and Political Science. He taught undergraduate students as well as graduates throughout his career and is remembered fondly by many of these alumni.

Within the Hong Kong community Peter was often asked for his thoughts on television and radio, briefed the Hong Kong government on Hong Kong's future and also lectured to officers in the British armed forces.

#### Yvonne Chiu 趙鄧人翹

anniversary in 2002.

Yvonne passed away on September 27, 2009, at the age of 65.

Yvonne was the resident tutor of Lady Ho Tung Hall from 1966-68. In 1974, she moved with her family to Toronto where she became a lecturer and associate professor in Microbiology & Genetics at the University of Toronto, Scarborough campus. She remained at the University for over 30 years and was named as one of its Great Minds on the occasion of its 175<sup>th</sup>

She was an influential and proud member of the Chinese-Canadian community in Toronto. Most notably she was Chair of Fundraising for the Mon Sheong Foundation; co-founder of the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto, in Markham, Ontario; Chairperson of the Cathay Pavilion at the Metro Toronto Caravan, and founder of the Education Foundation of the Federation of Chinese Canadian Professionals (Ontario) together with her husband John Chiu 趙洪鏘 (MBBS 1966). In 2001, she was recognised for her outstanding service to the country when she was named a Member of the Order of Canada.



#### Myra Sophia Siu 蕭敏華

(BSocSc 1983)

蕭敏華於2009年7月離世,享年47歲。

在彩虹邨長大,憑天賦及努力,於1973年升中試榮膺「女狀元」。1980年 入香港大學主修政治,是學生會領袖、《學苑》總編輯。

畢業後為人師表,工餘進修倫敦大學法律學位,在英國取得律師資格後,於 1993年回港執業,其後加入法律援助署,為普羅大眾爭取權益,伸張正義。

