

## ABOUT THE DONOR

Mr. Patrick Poon joined the Hong Kong Civil Service as an Executive Officer after graduation (BSc Hons) from the University of Hong Kong (HKU) in 1970.

He left the Civil Service in 1972 to join the life insurance industry as an actuarial trainee at AIA in HK. In 1975 he became the first HK born citizen to obtain the professional qualification of the Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries in UK. Later he also obtained the fellowships of actuaries in Australia, China and Taiwan. He is also an associate of the Society of Actuaries and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries. He was the Past President of the Actuarial Society of Hong Kong and the founding President of the Actuarial Society of Malaysia during his career with AIA Malaysia in 1976-83.



In 1987 he left AIA after 15 years of distinguished career and joined Aetna International to start up its new life insurance subsidiary in Taiwan when the market opened to foreign players. Under his leadership Aetna Taiwan became a world class life insurance and financial services organization and was known as the most successful start up life insurance company in Asia for decades.

Aetna Taiwan was acquired by ING in 2000 and Patrick joined ING as the CEO of Greater China for ING Insurance and became a member of ING Group's Leadership Council (the group's top 14 managers in the world) and the Chairman & President of ING Life Insurance Company of America.

In June 2006 Patrick retired from ING and joined China Pacific Life Insurance Company (CPL) as its CEO and Chairman of the Operations Committee, representing its new foreign private equity investor Carlyle. He also helped China Pacific Group to be listed in the Stock Exchanges of Shanghai (2007) and Hong Kong (2009). In October 2010, Patrick retired from the CEO position but remained as its top Adviser for a period of time.

Patrick was a board member of the International Insurance Society and a member of the Panel of Judges at the Asian Insurance Industry Annual Awards. He is currently a board member of the University of Hong Kong Foundation for Educational Development and Research. He is the Treasurer, Council and Court member, Trustee of Superannuation Fund at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

In addition to the Patrick S C Poon Scholarship in Actuarial Science and Patrick S C Poon Professorship in Statistics and Actuarial Science, Patrick has kindly pledged recurrent donations for supporting the Patrick Poon Lecture Series in Actuarial Science and also Patrick Poon Exchange Programme of Actuarial Science Teachers with Mainland China, with the aim to promote actuarial education and research collaboration at HKU.

During his 40 years of career in the life insurance industry, Patrick has won many community accolades including "The Hong Kong Ten Outstanding Youth Award" in 1985, the "Outstanding Manager Award (CEO and President Category)" in 1988, "The K.T. Li Medal of Management" in 1997, and the "Order of Brilliant Star Medal" in 1999. In 2000, he won the "Best Insurance Leadership Award" at the Insurance - Belief, Hope & Love Award, and the "Personality of the Year" award at the Asia Insurance Industry Awards.

In community services, he was the Charter President of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbour, a member of the HK Insurance Advisory Committee and a Court member of HKU. He was nominated as a Distinguished Alumnus of the HKU Science Faculty in its 70th anniversary in 2009, and an Honorary University Fellow of HKU in 2011.

Patrick is now Chairman of Harvest SCP Group Company Limited.