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Understanding that education is vital for a strong nation, almost 100-year-old Dr. LI Dak-Sum who built his business empire from scratch, has devoted much of his life to helping others. Over the years, his many phenomenal donations to educational institutions have underlined his enduring love for both Hong Kong and his mainland Chinese motherland.

Born in Shanghai in 1921, this self-made entrepreneur and philanthropist has experienced many significant changes that have strengthened his determination to empower his fellow countrymen through education. By the time he graduated from secondary school, Shanghai was occupied by Japanese military forces. Having witnessed his fellow citizens' great suffering, Dr. Li was stricken with sorrow and grief. In 1943, he travelled to Chongqing and entered Fudan University, graduating with a degree in Accounting by the end of World War II two years later.

Following his graduation, Dr. Li initially helped his father to run the family electronics retailing operation in Shanghai. In 1949, he travelled to Hong Kong on business. Anticipating that mainland China would face years of political upheaval, Dr. Li's father urged him not to return. Leveraging his family's expertise in electrical goods, Dr. Li began building his empire by wholesale trading electrical wire. By 1955, he had scrimped and saved the US\$10,000 in seed money he needed to set up a retail operation, Roxy Radio and Electric Co. Although initially running at a loss, Roxy ("happy voice from radio" in Chinese) quickly moved into profit as Dr. Li began steadily expanding the company's sales channels.

When Dr. Li learned Sharp Japan's founder and then president was looking for a sole agent in Hong Kong he met with him. In 1957 Roxy became the Japanese electronics behemoth's exclusive distributor for Hong Kong and Macao and later Singapore and Malaysia. After generating sizeable profits selling Sharp TVs, in the 1980s Dr. Li entered into a joint-venture with Sharp Japan (Sharp-Roxy) and built a production base in Malaysia for manufacturing TVs, refrigerators, high-tech components and other electrical products.

Dr. Li's successes in moulding an electronics retailer and – also in the 1980s – Singaporean and Australian hotel operations into a multinational corporation are the result of his hard work and good judgement. While Dr. Li divested his interests in Sharp-Roxy in 2016, he remains Chairman of Roxy Property Investment Co. Ltd. and Singapore's Carlton Group of Hotels.

年近期頤的李達三博士，深明教育為富國之本。他白手興家，創立商業王國，一生樂善好施，多年來慷慨捐助教育機構，足證其對香港及祖國的赤誠之心，矢志不渝。

李博士是傑出的企業家和慈善家，1921年生於上海的他，親歷無數重大變故，因而加深了他欲以教育興國興民之抱負。他中學畢業時，正值日軍佔領上海，目睹百姓飽受苦難，李博士悲痛莫名。1943年，他西赴重慶，入讀復旦大學會計系；兩年後二戰結束，他亦完成學業，取得學士學位。

畢業初期，李博士協助父親管理在上海的電器材料生意。1949年，他隻身南下香港公幹。當時，李博士父親預料內地政局將持續多年動蕩不安，遂勸他留港發展。李博士因此借助家族經營電器產品的經驗，決定從電器材料批發起步。經過數載省吃儉用的日子，李博士終於在1955年儲存了10,000美元資金開展零售業務，成立「樂聲電器」，名字取意「歡樂之聲」。公司初期雖入不敷支，但李博士逐步拓展銷售渠道，業務隨即蒸蒸日上。

當李博士知悉日本聲寶創辦人兼時任會長正在物色香港總代理，立即把握見面機會。1957年，樂聲成為該日本電子業巨擘在香港和澳門的獨家代理，範圍其後更拓展至新加坡及馬來西亞。有見銷售聲寶牌電視機盈利可觀，李博士在80年代決定正式夥拍聲寶，創立聲寶-樂聲，在大馬合資開設廠房，生產電視、雪櫃、高科技零部件及其他電器產品。

李博士工作勤奮，目光銳利，不僅成功創立電子零售王國，更在80年代進軍獅城及澳洲酒店業，成為跨國企業掌舵人。他於2016年退出聲寶-樂聲合營公司，但至今仍擔任樂聲物業投資有限公司及新加坡卡爾登酒店集團董事會主席。

他熱心回饋社會，身兼多項公職，曾任東華三院副主席及香港電視廣播有限公司董事，以及政府多個委員會的成員。

Always keen to give back to society, Dr. Li's public service activities including ever served as Vice Chairman of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals and director of Hong Kong Television Broadcasts Ltd, plus memberships of several government committees.

Fiercely proud of his Ningbo roots, Dr. Li began his philanthropic work by founding the Ningbo Residents Association (Hong Kong) (NRAHK). Over the years, the city has received many substantial gifts from him including the building of a rehabilitation center for the handicapped. In 2016, the University of Nottingham Ningbo China also benefited from his generosity when he helped to fund 20 Li Dak Sum Chair Professorships. In 1995, Dr. Li's tireless community service and devotion to his hometown were rewarded with an honorary citizenship. Another great accolade came when Nanjing's Purple Mountain Observatory renamed asteroid number 3812 the 'Li Dak Sum Star' in his honor the following year.

Numerous other educational institutions in Hong Kong, mainland China and the UK have been major beneficiaries of Dr. Li's largesse in sponsoring entrepreneurship and research into areas such as regenerative, orthopaedic and Chinese medicine. In 2015 he, his wife and his grandson, Kenneth Li, generously awarded HK\$100 million donations each to not only our University but also the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and the University of Hong Kong (HKU) for the establishment of the Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Kenneth Li Education Fund. The initiative now awards scholarships to academically bright local youngsters who have graduated from the NRAHK-funded Ning Po College and Ning Po No.2 College secondary schools.

In 2016, Dr. Li donated a further HK\$100 million to HKUST to establish a research development fund covering more high-impact areas. They include data science, autonomous system & robotics, design thinking & entrepreneurship, sustainability, and public policy.

As befits a business leader and philanthropist of his standing, Dr. Li has been recognized with a wealth of awards and accolades. In addition to being appointed a Hong Kong Justice of the Peace in 1977, he was awarded Hong Kong's highest honor, the Grand Bauhinia Medal in 2015. Dr. Li also holds honorary doctoral degrees from various universities including CUHK (1984), Nottingham University (2008), Fudan University (2011) and HKU (2017).

李博士祖籍寧波，桑梓情深，他創辦香港寧波同鄉會，開始投入慈善工作。多年來，李博士向寧波作出的捐獻不計其數，除興建殘疾人士康復中心，又於2016年大筆捐助寧波諾丁漢大學，設立20個「李達三冠名講座教授席」，惠澤故鄉社群。1995年，李博士獲寧波市授予「榮譽市民」稱號，以表揚他對家鄉的無私奉獻；翌年他再添殊榮，由南京紫金山天文台將3812號小行星易名「李達三星」，足證其非凡貢獻。

李博士亦大力支持多所香港、中國內地及英國高等學府，推動創業以及與再生醫學、骨科及中醫藥相關的研究。2015年，他偕同妻子及孫兒李本俊先生向科大、香港中文大學及香港大學各捐出港幣一億元，成立「李達三葉耀珍伉儷李本俊獎學金」，惠及香港寧波同鄉會轄下寧波公學及寧波第二中學的品學兼優畢業生。

2016年，李博士再向科大捐贈港幣一億元成立科研發展基金，襄助大學就數據科學、機械人及自動化系統、創業及設計、可持續發展及公共政策領域開展具深遠影響力的研究。

李博士是名副其實的商界領袖和慈善家，備受尊敬，屢獲殊榮，繼1977年獲委任為香港太平紳士，2015年更獲頒本地最高榮譽大紫荊勳章。另外，他亦獲多家大學頒發榮譽博士學位，包括香港中文大學(1984)、諾丁漢大學(2008)、復旦大學(2011)及香港大學(2017)。