

## 馮葉儀皓女士 Mrs. Yvette FUNG YEH Yi-Hao

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Mrs. Yvette FUNG YEH Yi-Hao was born into a family of entrepreneurs who built Hsin Chong. Established by her grandfather Godfrey K.N. YEH in Hong Kong in the 1930s, the company started out as a small construction business but grew to become one of Hong Kong's leading construction and property management firms from the 1960s to the late 2000s under the leadership of her father Geoffrey M.T. YEH. Her family's belief of "to whom much is given, much is expected" is perhaps the most important influence in Mrs. Fung Yeh's life.

From a young age, Mrs. Fung Yeh demonstrated an independent streak. In 1978, she attended Smith College according to her parents' wishes before secretly transferring to Stanford University. After earning her bachelor's degree in Psychology, she obtained an MBA at U.C.L.A. Anderson School of Management and returned to Stanford to study law. She remained in the US for nearly a decade while starting a family and building a successful legal career.

Mrs. Fung Yeh returned to Hong Kong with her family in 1997 and worked as a legal counsel for a multinational firm. In late 1998, she answered her father's call to join the family business while he focused on public service as chairman of the Hong Kong Futures Exchange amid the Asian financial crisis. She quickly learnt and adapted to the management roles in Hsin Chong International Holdings Ltd., and the then-privately held property management arm, Synergis Holdings Limited. In 2003, Synergis became the first property management company to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

In 2007 and 2008, Mrs. Fung Yeh helped the Yeh family exit from both businesses, resulting in the start of a new chapter in the Yeh family's legacy — the journey into family philanthropy. The Yeh Family Philanthropy Limited (YFP) was established in 2011 as a platform for future generations to share the family's legacy, values, and belief of paying it forward, and for Mrs. Fung Yeh to live her passion and continue paying tribute to her father.

Mrs. Fung Yeh has grown into her role since becoming the Foundation's Chair. Realizing that the art of giving is no simple matter of writing checks, she ensures YFP's work is a delicate combination of optimism, 馮葉儀皓女士生於商賈世家,為新昌集團創辦人之後。其祖父葉庚年先生於1930年代在香港創業,從一家小型的建築公司起步,不斷發展。1960年代,馮太的父親葉謀遵先生接掌家業,至其於2000年代末功成身退時,公司已是香港數一數二的建築及物業管理巨擘。葉氏深信「得天獨厚者,須勵行善道」,此家訓對馮太可謂影響深遠。

馮太自幼個性獨立,1978年遵循雙親意願入讀 美國史密斯學院,後悄悄地轉往史丹福大學,取得 心理學本科學位後,於加州大學洛杉磯分校安德森 管理學院完成工商管理碩士課程,並重返母校史丹 福進修法律。她留美接近十年,除建立家庭,也成 功開展了自己的法律事業。

1997年,馮太舉家回港並在跨國公司擔任法律顧問;1998年底應父親要求回歸家族企業,以便葉老先生能專心履行香港期貨交易所主席一職,全力應對當時的亞洲金融風暴。她邊學邊做,迅即掌握新昌及集團旗下私營物業管理公司昇捷控股的管理職務。2003年,昇捷上市,成為首家在香港交易所掛牌的物業管理公司,開創先河。

2007至2008年,馮太協助家族退出上述業務, 全身投入慈善事業,揭開葉氏家族成就的全新一章。 2011年,葉氏家族慈善基金有限公司成立。慈善基 金作為平台不僅讓葉氏後人可以傳承家族傳統、價 值觀,以及其「別人惠我、我惠別人」的信念,也 讓馮太實現夙願,延續對父親的致敬。

馮太擔任慈善基金主席後,逐步掌握當中精髓,深明施予之道遠超資金供應。因此,她致力確保慈善基金的工作能巧妙結合希望、耐心、創意、才智、謙遜等元素。2016年,葉謀遵老先生逝世,馮太通過發揚父親「別人惠我、我惠別人」的精神,緬懷至親,行善之心更是堅定。2019年,她設立管理架構來優化家族的慈善捐贈,以配合基金擴展在香港及中國內地服務年輕人的慈善工作。

patience, creativity, intellect, and humility. Her father's passing in 2016 saw her redouble her commitment to honoring his memory by building on his "giving back by paying forward" philosophy. In 2019, Mrs. Fung Yeh initiated an effort to institutionalize the family's giving processes to scale up the Foundation's philanthropic impact on Hong Kong and Mainland China's youth.

In addition to YFP, Mrs. Fung Yeh also contributes to the community through public service positions. Examples include sitting as a Council Member for the Hong Kong Society for the Deaf (2007-2017), a member of Stanford Law School's Board of Visitors (1997-98 and 2010 to present), and its Asia Advisory Board (2015 to present), and as a member of the Board of Stewarts of the Education University of Hong Kong Foundation (Beginning 2021).

In 2013, under Mrs. Fung Yeh's leadership, YFP was instrumental in pioneering a Social Entrepreneurship and Venture Philanthropy course for MBA students at the HKUST School of Business and Management. YFP has subsequently collaborated with HKUST and other local universities to launch the Nurturing Social Minds program in partnership with the Hong Kong Government's Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund. Through the program, undergraduate and graduate students from different academic disciplines learn social entrepreneurship and social finance skills in both local and global contexts. This experiential-learning course is now one of the most popular electives at the HKUST School of Business and Management.

Appointed as a Court Member of HKUST in 2004, Mrs. Fung Yeh began leveraging her profound and strategic business insights to help promote the interests of the University and raise funds. Subsequently reappointed to the Court from 2016 until 2020, she has also served as a Council Member from 2010 to 2016, a Member of the Institutional Advancement and Outreach Committee from 2012 to 2020, and a Member of the Council's Honorary Awards Committee from 2013 to 2016.

It is our great pleasure to honor Mrs. Fung Yeh for her unstinting philanthropy and strong commitment to exhorting future leaders who can develop new approaches to pressing societal problems. We are also delighted to salute her for her dedication to spending more than a decade helping our University consolidate and enhance its international profile.

除慈善基金的職務,馮太亦先後出任多項公職, 回饋社會,如香港擊人福利促進會執行委員 (2007-2017)、史丹福法學院校友顧問委員會 (1997-98及2010至今)及其亞洲諮詢委員會(2015至 今)委員,以及香港教育大學基金董事會委員(2021 開始)。

在馮太領導下,葉氏家族慈善基金於2013年率 先跟科大工商管理學院合作開辦「社會企業及慈善 創投」課程,培訓工商管理碩士課程學生,其後又 與科大及本地其他大學合作,聯同香港政府社創基 金推出「啟發社創思維」計劃,讓修讀不同學科的 本科及研究生以本地以至全球背景為依歸,學習創 辦社會企業及公益金融管理技巧。這項體驗式學習 課程現在已成為最受科大工商管理學院學生歡迎的 選修科目之一。

馮太與科大淵源深厚,早於2004年已獲委任為 大學顧問委員會委員,以其敏銳獨到的商業眼光協 助大學發展及籌募經費。在2016至2020年連任大學顧 問委員會委員,她還曾在不同崗位與科大結緣,包括 於2010至2016年擔任校董,2012至2020年擔任大學 拓展委員會委員,以及於2013至2016年出任校董會 轄下榮銜頒授委員會的委員。

馮葉儀皓女士樂善好施,矢志培育社會的明日 棟樑,啟導他們以嶄新思維回應迫切的社會問題; 過去十多年來,積極協助大學鞏固及提升國際形象, 貢獻良多,殊堪嘉許。