



# 陳嘉庚基金會會訊

陈嘉庚基金的前身是“陈嘉庚奖学金”，是为纪念东南亚著名大慈善家兼教育家陈嘉庚先生捐资兴学，热心推广教育的伟大精神以及配合我国培育英才的政策而设立。



主席: 陈笃山

## 献词

自1982年在公司法令下获准注册为公共慈善机构以来，本人即受委为基金主席迄今，本着发扬陈嘉庚先生服务社会的精神，为国家社会尽一份力，一直坚持到现在。

。本人才疏学浅，幸得基金各届理事们之鼎力协助，以及社会各阶层人士，机构的支持，使基金所主办之各项活动得以顺利进行，在此，我谨借此机会致以衷心的感谢。

基金的两项常年会务活动是颁发陈嘉庚高级学位奖学金及举办陈嘉庚青少年发明奖。奖学金至今已颁发了超过170个给予不同学术领域的各民族同胞攻读硕士及博士学位，不少得奖同学完成学位后已陆续回国，在不同岗位为社会服务。

青少年发明奖的设立在鼓励与培养我国青少年与学生的创造性思考能力及协助我国创造一个科技研究的环境。自1986年设立以来，参与的作品逐年增加，其中不乏高水平的发明品。其他如举办陈嘉庚基金学术讲座，在南洋理工大学设立“陈嘉庚教授基金”以及资助其他团体的学术活动等，都是在积极地秉承陈嘉庚先生的兴学办教精神，为国家社会作出贡献。

我们希望更多有志于在文化教育方面为国家社会尽棉力的各界人士及机构能继续支持基金所主办的各项活动，同心协力，推动基金的发展，向前迈进。

会讯的出版希望能在沟通基金与各阶层人士之交流及互相了解上扮演重要角色。

陈笃山

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## 陈嘉庚生平简介

陈嘉庚先生祖籍福建省同安县集美村，生于1874年10月21日。1890年当他17岁时就南渡到新加坡。在父亲陈杞柏经营的米店学习经商。不幸在1904年家道中落，重振家业的担子就落在他的肩上，他筹足资本，开始创设黄梨厂，开拓橡胶种植业，发展橡胶工业和海运业。由于他的奋斗努力创业，在1925年，他的资产已达1200万元，所雇员工达一万人以上，成为当时东南亚社会的工商业先驱。

在陈嘉庚奋斗建业的同时，他积极推动提倡教育工作，为培养教育下一代，大力兴办学校，振兴教育。在新加坡，他从1907年至1947年的40年内先后创办道南、爱同、崇福、崇本等小学，华侨中学、南洋师范及南侨女中。在中国，从1913年至1920年，前后在他的家乡集美创办了一群学校和学院，统称为集美学村。1921年成立著名的厦门大学，并单独创办与维持厦门大学达16年之久。

虽然，陈嘉庚企业在1930年结束了，但是陈嘉庚“倾家兴学”的美誉永存，为后人树立了学习榜样。

在振兴教育之余，陈嘉庚先生也以社会改革为己任，多方改革华族社会的组织与陋习，并提倡慈善事业不遗余力。抗日战争爆发，陈老先生四方奔走，团结广大南洋华侨，筹赈救亡，到处募捐，支援抗战，为振兴中华民族作出卓越的贡献。

陈嘉庚先生于1961年8月12日在北京逝世，享年87岁，并得到中国政府赐予国葬礼以纪念陈先生对国家社会的贡献。

### 成立背景

## 陈嘉庚基金简介

东南亚著名的大慈善家、工业巨子陈嘉庚于1961年8月12日在北京逝世。新加坡福建会馆和保赤宫陈氏宗祠等50多个华人社团联名具函吁请中华总商会领导举行陈嘉庚先生追悼大会。

当年9月10日，在中华总商会的支持下，全国280多个社团及学校的5000多位代表出席在羽球馆的追悼大会，并当场筹集到一笔10万元的捐款，设立“陈嘉庚奖学基金”，藉以纪念陈老先生热心教育的精神。1968年4月成立“陈嘉庚奖学基金信托委员会”，开始每年颁发大专奖学金给当时的四所大专学府的在籍生。

陈嘉庚奖学基金信托委员会是陈嘉庚基金的前身。

1981年为纪念陈嘉庚逝世20周年，陈嘉庚奖学基金信托委员会计划筹募500万元的陈嘉庚基金，以扩大活动范围。

1982年2月，陈嘉庚基金在公司法令下获准注册，并获准为公共慈善机构，所有捐款都可豁免税务。



# 陈嘉庚青少年发明奖

新加坡在迈向高科技工业的新纪元，积极鼓励我国青少年发掘新思维，从事新事物的发明与创造，已经成为国家成长发展的新要求。

陈嘉庚基金有鉴于此，接受了美籍华裔诺贝尔物理奖得奖人杨振宁教授的建议，在1986年设立“陈嘉庚青少年发明奖”，由潘国驹教授担任发明奖委员会主席。设立发明奖的目的有二，第一是鼓励与培养我国青少年与学生的创造性思维能力；第二是协助在新加坡创造一个科技研究的环境。

发明奖委员会要求参赛作品都具有独创性和实用效能，同时具有进一步发展为实用产品的商业价值。发明奖比赛分为学生组和公开组，吸引了中小学到大专学院以及科研人员的热烈参与，对培养年青一代创新的精神，具有实质的成效。

新加坡国家科技局认同“陈嘉庚青少年发明奖”的成果和贡献，决定同基金合作，在人力和财力上给予支持。1995年发明奖比赛就是第一次以基金和国家科技局联办的名义举行。



# 陈嘉庚高级学位奖学金

自1983年以来，陈嘉庚基金每年都颁发高级学位奖学金给在国内及海外大学攻读全日制硕士或博士学位课程的研究生，受益对象来自不同种族、宗教、年龄和性别的我国公民及永久居民。

陈嘉庚高级学位奖学金分成：

海外大学就读者，每份奖学金S\$10,000新元

国内大学就读者，每份奖学金S\$7,000新元

陈嘉庚高级学位奖学金是一项荣誉奖金，不附带契约。评选委员会不但重视学业成绩，学术表现，也关心学生的社会服务精神。



# 设立中文系《陈嘉庚金牌奖》

为奖励莘莘学子，学习中华语文文化，发扬中华学术文化，陈嘉庚基金应新加坡国立大学中文系的邀请，在1996年9月拨款1万5千新元，设立中文系《陈嘉庚金牌奖》，每年颁予中文系荣誉学位班毕业成绩最优秀的学生。

1997年9月间的国大毕业典礼上首次颁发的《陈嘉庚金牌奖》由卓鸿译同学获得。他是自国立大学在1980年成立以来第一位获颁一等荣誉学位的中文系毕业生。

# 设立《陈嘉庚教授基金》

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## 陈嘉庚基金捐150万 在南大设立教授基金

利息将先用来聘请历史学教授

文王宁 报道

【本报新加坡二十一日专电】陈嘉庚基金会捐出的一百五十万新加坡元，在南洋理工大学设立《陈嘉庚教授基金》，以纪念陈嘉庚先生毕生为教育所作出的贡献。

陈嘉庚基金会主席陈笃山先生表示，陈嘉庚基金会的宗旨跟陈嘉庚本人生前的行动是一致的。《陈嘉庚教授基金》的成立是我们回报社会的工作之一。

陈嘉庚基金理事会推选陈共存先生、潘国驹教授、李福鸿副教授代表基金，与南洋理工大学的代表组成《陈嘉庚教授基金》咨询委员会，负责决定教授人选，以及执行推展陈嘉庚教授基金的计划及活动。



1996年10月21日是陈嘉庚先生诞生122周年纪念，基金会选择在这一天举行《陈嘉庚教授基金》成立仪式，并由我国王鼎昌总统主持仪式，使得《陈嘉庚教授基金》的成立更具深远意义。

陈嘉庚基金捐献150万元予大学教育基金，在南洋理工大学设立《陈嘉庚教授基金》，以纪念陈嘉庚先生毕生为教育所作出的贡献。

在政府对大学教育基金一元对一元的拨款原则下，使《陈嘉庚教授基金》的总额达到300万元。

当天出席仪式的嘉宾还包括前任总统黄金辉博士及夫人、教育部长李玉全、教育部兼卫生部高级政务部长简丽中博士、大学教育基金主席(也是陈嘉庚基金名誉顾问)林少明教授，以及陈嘉庚先生的儿孙等。

南洋理工大学校长詹道存博士在致欢迎词时说，大学方面将充分利用这份基金，聘请世界知名教授学者，前来负责与陈嘉庚本人成就有关领域的讲学与研究工作，例如历史、教育和企业。

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# 陈嘉庚基金学术讲座



早在1984年，陈嘉庚基金主办了一项为期两天的学术讲座，主讲者是纽约哥伦比亚大学经济学教授王念祖博士，讲题分别是：“在中国贸易与投资的展望”，“新的国际经济秩序：何去何从？”次年(1985年)，又主办“东西文化与新加坡”研讨会。

陈嘉庚基金学术讲座委员会正式成立于1986年，计划每年邀请国际知名学者前来我国主持公开学术演讲以丰富我国人民的知识与生活。1987年，第一位受邀前来主讲的是诺贝尔物理奖得主杨振宁教授，讲题是：知识的追求—对称性概念的演变。

此后，多名学者教授先后受邀前来作专题演讲，其中包括李远哲教授、田长霖教授、王庚武教授、陈佳洱教授、查良镛博士(金庸)等。

# 陈嘉庚基金 大事记

## 1961年

1961年9月10日，中华总商会发动全国280多个社团与学校的5000多位代表，在羽球馆举行追悼陈嘉庚大会，并筹得义款10万元，成立“陈嘉庚奖学金基金”。

## 1968年

1968年4月间“陈嘉庚奖学金基金信托委员会”成立，同年开始颁发大专奖学金给当时四所大专学府的在籍学生。

## 1982年

1982年2月间，“陈嘉庚基金”在公司法令下正式注册成立。

## 1983年

开始颁发高级学位奖学金。

## 1984年

开始举办公开学术讲座。

## 1986年

在诺贝尔物理奖得主杨振宁教授(目前是本基金名誉顾问)的倡议下，开始举办常年的青少年发明奖。

## 1991年

- (1) 开始为中小學生举办创新思维研讨会。
- (2) 同年，挑选历年入选作品参加在日本举行的“第四届国际青少年发明品展览会”，啼声初试即获得两项荣誉。

## 1995年

贸工部属下国家科技局受邀和本基金联办常年的青少年发明奖。

## 1996年

- (1) 9月间捐款一万五千元在新加坡国立大学中文系设立“陈嘉庚金牌奖”。
- (2) 10月间捐款一百五十万元在南洋理工大学设立“陈嘉庚教授基金”。

## 1997年

9月间国立大学毕业典礼上首次颁发“陈嘉庚金牌奖”，由卓鸿译同学获得。他是自国立大学在1980年成立以来第一位获颁一等荣誉学位的毕业生。

## 1998年

(1) 4月间与新加坡中华总商会、陈嘉庚国际学会、东亚研究所、福建会馆联合主办陈嘉庚奖、陈嘉庚青少年发明奖颁奖典礼。颁奖嘉宾为前总统王鼎昌先生及黄金辉博士。

(2) 9月间美国夏威夷大学的郭颖颐教授受聘为“陈嘉庚教授基金”系列讲座的第一位客座教授。讲座所包括的是历史领域。



# 2000年 之重要活动

## 颁发高级学位奖学金

2000年之陈嘉庚基金高级学位奖学金颁奖仪式于8月4日在丰景大酒店(Copthorne Harbour View Hotel)举行。教育部高级政务部长陈敏良先生受邀为颁奖嘉宾。今年是颁发奖学金以来的第18个年度，评选委员会从51位申请者中，选出了7位品学兼优的优秀生获颁此项奖学金。本届评选委员会主席丘才新教授在致词中透露，为了加强历届得奖者与基金及奖学金委员会的联系，于最近成立了一个互联网，逐步收集及整理有关资料。



陈敏良高级政务部长(中)，陈嘉庚基金主席陈笃山先生(右二)，评选委员会主席丘才新教授(左二)，委员刘斐文博士(左一)，卢绍昌先生(右一)及盛怀民教授(后排右一)与得奖者合影。



教育部高级政务部长陈敏良先生颁发奖学金于 Miss Suryahti bte Abdul Latiff.

### 2000

## 年度陈嘉庚高级学位 奖学金得奖者名单：

林大伟 (26岁)  
新加坡国立大学日本研究硕士学位

陆文忠 (24岁)  
美国加利福尼亚科技学院博士学位

何仲实 (30岁)  
美国纽约大学音乐博士学位

Suryahti Bte Abdul Latiff (33岁)  
美国密芝根州大学公共行政硕士

柯涵为 (29岁)  
美国麻省理工学院科技博士学位

何业美 (54岁)  
中国中医学院博士学位

黎国荣耀 (34岁)  
美国印第安那州大学音乐博士学位

## 2000年陈嘉庚基金学术演讲系列

今年9月3日，基金特邀香港著名作家学者查良镛(金庸)在华侨中学会堂举行公开讲座，讲题为“金庸—即兴答问”，吸引了近500名学生与各界人士前往聆听，名报章亦先后报导有关讲座及进行专访。



### 联合中国商会主办公开演讲

今年3月29日基金与新加坡中国商会在文华大酒店联合主办公开演讲，主讲者为清华大学生命科学与工程研究院院长赵南明教授，讲题为“从克隆技术，生物芯片谈中国的科技发展”吸引了近500名听众出席聆听。



## 出版林荫华先生纪念册

今年4月22日，联合陈嘉庚国际学会，中华总商会，佛教居士林在中华总商会会议厅举行“林荫华先生纪念册”发布仪式，林荫华先生于1983年至1989年及1997年至1998年担任陈嘉庚基金副主席，林先生不幸于1998年10月18日逝世，林先生生前担任陈嘉庚基金、陈嘉庚国际学会、中华总商会、新加坡佛教居士林要职，为了缅怀林先生的一生，以启示后人，四机构决定出版专辑以资纪念。以潘国驹博士为首的编委会，经过多月的努力，纪念册终于面世，此书为非卖品，分赠各界友人及团体机构。



## 1999/2000年陈嘉庚青少年发明奖

今年总共收到学生组403件及公开组69件发明作品，这是青少年发明奖自14年前举办至今所收到发明品最多的一次。

我国教育部高级政务部长陈敏良先生受邀于2000年3月11日在新加坡科学馆颁发今年度之青少年发明奖予得奖者。

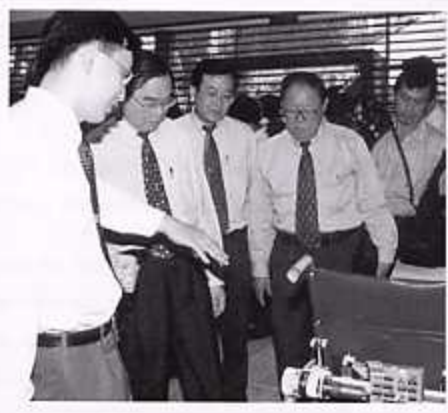
陈嘉庚青少年发明奖主席潘国驹的博士在致词中说：对于这次取得那么热烈的反应感到非常欣慰，这说明了在鼓励更多年青国人敢于将自己的构想变成发明品，取得了一定的效果。

同时，配合全国“创新节”的举行，今年度的青少年发明奖得奖作品也在新加坡科学馆展示。

1999/2000 年度的陈嘉庚青少年发明奖总共颁发了：

公开组：3 个银牌奖	学生组：5 个银牌奖
3 个优异奖	8 个优异奖
6 表扬奖	10 个表扬奖
	1 个特别（银牌）奖
	1 个特别（表扬）奖

另外，还颁发了现金奖予 5 间学校，以表扬这 5 间学校的学生所交的发明品中最多的作品被选入初赛。



得奖者向陈敏良先生讲解有关发明品。



## Tan Kah Kee Public Lecture

- Jointly organized by the Foundation and the Singapore–China Business Association, a talk on "Recent Advances of Biotechnology in China" was held on 29 March at Mandarin Hotel. The guest speaker was Prof Zhao Nanming, Dean of the School of Life Sciences and Biotechnology, Tsinghua University.
- Mr Louis Cha (popularly known as Jin Yong), famous Chinese writer, was invited to be the guest speaker for Tan Kah Kee Forum 2000. The talk was held on 3 September at the Chinese High School. The topic was "Jin Yong: Questions and Answers".



## "In Memory of Linn In Hua"

A commemorative book, *In Memory of Linn In Hua*, was published jointly by the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI), the Tan Kah Kee Foundation, the Singapore Buddhist Lodge and the Tan Kah Kee International Society.



The 144-page volume in Chinese and English tells the story of Mr Linn, who was President of SCCCI between 1987 and 1989, and Honorary President from 1993 till his death at age 74, in 1998. Mr Linn was also Vice-Chairman of both the Tan Kah Kee Foundation and the Tan Kah Kee International Society.

The first two chapters of his unfinished memoirs, detailing his ancestors, his life during the Japanese Occupation and his early education, are included. The volume also contains a selection of Mr Linn's speeches, and essays on him by academics and other prominent leaders of the Chinese community.

The publication capturing Mr Linn's exemplary lifestyle, his tireless efforts in promoting education and his contributions to society, is an invaluable volume for the young generation.

1999/2000

## Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors' Award

The Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors' Award Committee received 403 entries for the Students Section and 69 entries for the Open Section — the highest numbers in the Award's 14-year history.

Senior Minister of State for Education Mr Peter Chen presented the awards to this year's winners at the Singapore Science Centre on 11 March 2000.

Said Dr Phua Kok Khoo, Chairman of the Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors' Award Committee: "We are pleased with the overwhelming response for the Award this year. This goes to show that the Award has achieved its objectives of encouraging more young Singaporeans to come forward with their inventions and to take up the challenge of putting their ideas into creative innovations."



Winning entries were displayed at the Singapore Science Centre, in conjunction with the Innovation Festival.

The total awards given away for the year 1999/2000 Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors' Award Competition:

Open Section: 3 Silver Award	Students' Section: 5 Silver Award
3 Merit Award	8 Merit Award
6 Commendation Award	10 Commendation Award
	1 Special (Silver) Award
	1 Special (Commendation) Award

Cash awards were also granted to five schools which had the most numbers of short-listed inventions in the first round of selection

# Activities in the year

# 2000

Seven outstanding candidates were awarded postgraduate scholarships at the 2000 Tan Kah Kee Postgraduate Scholarship Presentation Ceremony, held on 4<sup>th</sup> August at Copthorne Harbour View Hotel. The scholarships were given away by Mr Peter Chen, Senior Minister of State for Education.

This is the 18<sup>th</sup> year that the Tan Kah Kee Foundation has awarded scholarships to graduates intending to pursue postgraduate studies locally or overseas. The 7 recipients, consisting of 5 PhD and 2 Masters students, were carefully selected from 51 applicants by the Appraisal Committee, led by Prof Hew Choy Sin. They were awarded the scholarships based on their good academic results and active participation in community work.

In order to promote better communication among scholarship recipients, the Tan Kah Kee Scholars have established an alumni network in 1998. The Award Committee has also engaged the services of 8path Pte Ltd to maintain the contact lists and the operation of this network.



Front row (left to right): Mr Loo Shaw Chang, Mr Tan Tock San, Mr Peter Chen, Prof Hew Choy Sin & Dr Low Hwee Boon  
Back row: Prof Shang Huai Min (Left one) & recipients

Below is the list of this year's recipients and their course of study :

Mr Lim Tai Wei (26 years old)	MA (Japanese Studies) <i>The National University of Singapore</i>
Mr Leok Boon Tiong, Melvin (24 years old)	Doctor of Philosophy <i>California Institute of Technology, USA</i>
Mr Hoh Chung Shih (30 years old)	PhD in Music Composition <i>State University of New York at Buffalo, USA</i>
Miss Suryahti bte Abdul Latiff (33 years old)	Master of Public Policy <i>University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA</i>
Mr Kua Harn Wei (29 years old)	SM/PhD (Building Technology) <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA</i>
Miss Ho Niap Mui (54 years old)	Doctor (Traditional Chinese Medicine) <i>China Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China</i>
Mr Laycock Eng Yeow, Gary (34 years old)	PhD (Musicology) <i>Indiana University at Bloomington, USA</i>

# Tan Kah Kee Foundation

## Main Events

- 1961** On 10th September, a memorial service for Mr Tan Kah Kee was initiated by the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and it was held at the Singapore Badminton Hall. A donation fund of \$100,000 was raised and the Tan Kah Kee Scholarship Fund was founded.
- 1968** In April, the Tan Kah Kee Scholarship Trust Fund was established. It began to award scholarships to students of the then four higher learning institutions.
- 1982** The Tan Kah Kee Foundation was officially registered under the Companies Act in February.
- 1983** The Foundation began to offer postgraduate scholarships.
- 1984** The first Tan Kah Kee Forum was organized.
- 1986** The Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors' Award was first mooted by Prof Yang Chen Ning, Nobel Laureate in Physics, and was launched in May.
- 1991** The first Workshop on the Inventive Thinking Process was organized for teachers and students. A few of the past winning entries for the Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors' Award were submitted to the Fourth World Exhibition of Young People's Inventions, organized by the Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation. Our submissions won one prestigious Grand Award and one Excellent Award.
- 1995** The National Science and Technology Board was invited to jointly organize the Young Inventors' Award with the Foundation.
- 1996** The Tan Kah Kee Gold Medal for Chinese Studies was launched at the National University of Singapore. The Tan Kah Kee Professorship was established at the Nanyang Technological University.
- 1997** The first Tan Kah Kee Gold Medal for Chinese Studies was awarded to Mr Toh Hoong Teik. Mr Toh was the first student to receive a first class honours degree in Chinese Studies since the National University of Singapore was founded in 1980.
- 1998** 1) The presentation ceremony for seventh award of Tan Kah Kee Prize was held in Singapore in April, together with the presentation of the Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors' Award. The ceremony was jointly organized by the Tan Kah Kee Foundation, Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry, East Asian Institute, Tan Kah Kee International Society and Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan. The two Guests-of-Honour for the ceremony were former President of the Republic of Singapore—Mr Ong Teng Cheong and Dr Wee Kim Wee, who is also the Patron of the Foundation.



2) Prof Daniel Kwok of the University of Hawaii was the first eminent professor to be appointed to fill the Chair in History under the Tan Kah Kee Professorship.

# TAN KAH KEE FOUNDATION

The Tan Kah Kee Scholarship Trust Fund was established in 1968 following the receipt of donations during a memorial service held in Singapore for the philanthropist Mr Tan Kah Kee, who died in China in 1961. It was restructured

and renamed the Tan Kah Kee Foundation in 1982, when the Foundation was granted Institution of Public Character status by the government and was allowed to raise an endowment fund of S\$8 million for the purpose of fostering education. Though the name has changed, the main objective still remains — that is, to carry on the good work of Mr Tan Kah Kee and to uphold his spirit of dedication to education.



## Tan Kah Kee Postgraduate Scholarship

The Tan Kah Kee Postgraduate Scholarship has been awarded by the Foundation since 1983. It provides financial assistance to Singapore citizens and permanent residents pursuing full-time Master's or PhD degrees in local or overseas universities. Those studying in local universities are awarded S\$7,000 and those in overseas universities S\$10,000. The Scholarship is open for application once a year and is bond-free.

The Award Appraisal Committee focuses on two main criteria for selection :

- outstanding academic achievements and conduct
- right spirit in community and social services

Qualified applicants are considered for the Scholarship irrespective of race, age and sex.

## Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors' Award

The Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors' Award aims to promote intellectual development and inventive thinking among the young generation of Singapore. It was first mooted by Prof C N Yang, Nobel Laureate in Physics, and was brought to fruition in 1986. Since then, this annual award has served to acknowledge and reward the achievements of students and young people below 35 years old who excel in creativity and innovation.

In 1995, the Tan Kah Kee Foundation joined hands with the National Science and Technology Board (NSTB) to organize this competition.

## Tan Kah Kee Forum

The Foundation invites eminent scholars and professionals to hold talks and lectures for the public on scientific, educational, social and cultural topics. So far, those invited have included Profs C N Yang, Y T Lee, Wang Gungwu, Charles K Kao and Tien Changlin.

## Tan Kah Kee Professorship

In 1996, the Tan Kah Kee Professorship was established at the Nanyang Technological University through the Universities Endowment Fund to honour Mr Tan Kah Kee and to pay tribute to his exceptional and wide-ranging contributions. A donation of S\$1.5 million from the Tan Kah Kee Foundation and a dollar-for-dollar government matching grant made the Professorship possible. The Professorship has been conferred for the field of history, and it will later include other fields such as education and entrepreneurship.

Since 1997, two well-known professors, Prof Daniel Kwok from the University of Hawaii and Prof Cheng Kai Ming from the University of Hong Kong, have been invited as visiting professors to lecture in the areas of history and education, respectively.

## Tan Kah Kee Gold Medal

The Foundation donated a sum of S\$15,000 to award the Tan Kah Kee Gold Medal for Chinese Studies, to the best student in that field in the examination for the degree of Bachelor of Arts with Honours at the National University of Singapore.

In 1997, Mr Toh Hoong Telk, a rare first class honours graduate in Chinese Studies, received the first Tan Kah Kee Gold Medal for Chinese Studies.



# MESSAGE

Chairman: Mr Tan Tock San

The Tan Kah Kee Foundation, formerly known as the Tan Kah Kee Scholarship Trust Fund, was established in memory of Southeast Asia's famous philanthropist and educationist Mr Tan Kah Kee for his invaluable contributions towards promoting education.

I was elected as Chairman of the Foundation when it was granted "Institution of Public Character" status in 1982. The public spirit of late Mr Tan Kah Kee has driven me to render my service until today. I am grateful to all the committee members for their invaluable assistance throughout the years, and to the organizations, and individuals from all walks of life, for their support of the Foundation's activities.

The main annual activities of the Foundation are the awards of the Tan Kah Kee Postgraduate Scholarship and the Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors' Award Competition. The Tan Kah Kee Postgraduate Scholarship has over the years awarded more than 170 scholarships to Singaporeans of all races pursuing their Master's or PhD degrees. Many of our scholars

have returned from abroad and are currently actively contributing to the development of Singapore.

The aim of offering the Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors' Award is to stimulate creative thinking among our young people and to promote scientific and technological research in our country. I am glad to see that the Award has gained much momentum with the increasing number of projects submitted each year, many of them of a high standard.

Other activities of the Foundation include the Tan Kah Kee Forum, the Tan Kah Kee Professorship at the Nanyang Technological University, and providing sponsorships, grants or fellowships to individuals, schools and charitable organizations on a case-by-case basis. All these are done in line with the spirit of Mr Tan Kah Kee in promoting education and culture for the advancement of mankind.

We look forward to your continued support and sincerely hope that the publication of this newsletter will foster closer ties between you and the Foundation.

## TAN KAH KEE



Born on 21 October 1874 in Jimei Village, Tongan District of Fujian Province, China, Mr Tan Kah Kee arrived in Singapore at the age of 17 to join his father, Mr Tan Kee Peck, in the family's rice business.

Business responsibilities came early as his father's business

failed in 1904, leaving him much on his own. He gathered capital and began his business in pineapple canning, rubber production, manufacturing and shipping. Through his hardwork, he accumulated \$120,000 from his enterprises and employed over 10,000 people. Tan Kah Kee is recognized as one of the earliest industrial pioneers in Southeast Asia.

Along with his efforts to establish his business, he was firmly committed to educational endeavours. In Singapore, he founded many schools, including Tao Nan, Ai Tong, Chong Fook Girls School, Chung Poon, Singapore Chinese High

School, Nanyang Normal School and Nan Chiao Girls High School from 1907 to 1947. In China, he established an institution of learning in his village from 1913 to 1920, known as Jimei School Complex. In 1921, he founded Xiamen University and he continued to finance and maintain the University for 16 years.

Although Mr Tan Kah Kee's enterprises ended in 1930, he earned the praise of "*qing jia xing xue*" (倾家兴学, liquidating the family fortune for the sake of promoting education) setting an example for the future generation to follow. He held advanced views about social reform and criticized several outmoded practices then prevalent, such as gambling, opium-smoking and ritual extravagance. He was also a great philanthropist. He mobilized the Chinese community in Southeast Asia by raising funds to support China against the Japanese invasion during the Second World War.

Mr Tan Kah Kee died at the age of 87 in Beijing on 12 August 1961, and was accorded a national funeral by the Chinese government for his contributions to society.