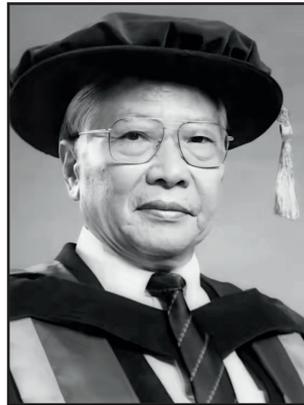


# Obituary



## In memory of Dr The Hon. CHIANG Chen

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers is profoundly saddened that Dr The Hon. CHIANG Chen, our Honorary Fellow and a prolific philanthropic industrialist, passed away on 13 March 2022 in the company of his family, aged 100.

Dr Chiang was born in Shandong province to an underprivileged family and was orphaned early. Raised in wartime and during political turmoil, he came to Hong Kong at the age of 26 to embark on his business venture. His obsession with industrial machinery and manufacturing technology led him to start Chen Hsong Machinery Co. Ltd., predecessor of the Chen Hsong Group, with HK\$200 savings in 1958. In 1966, he designed the first 10-ounce in-line plastic injection moulding machine which not only won him the New Product Award by the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong but also earned him the title of "King of Plastic Injection Moulding Machines". Under his leadership, Chen Hsong machines set a new benchmark for the industry and is used in more than 90 countries around the world today.

As a pioneer in the machinery and industrial arena, Dr Chiang created the motto "Enriching Livelihood of People by Industry, Strengthening the Country through a Prosperous Society". His humble beginnings with no formal education had instilled a strong determination in Dr Chiang to create a pertinent learning environment for future generations in technical education.

In 1990, he donated his entire shareholding in the Chen Hsong Group to set up the Chiang Chen Industrial Charity Foundation, encouraging technical

training and research development of manufacturing industries. He generously donated to educational causes and set up numerous scholarships in universities in Hong Kong, the mainland and overseas. As a fullhearted patriot, Dr Chiang placed great emphasis in nurturing talents within the Chinese community.

Dr Chiang was one of the first industrial investors following China's Reform and Opening in the 1980s. His adroit bridging of Hong Kong and the mainland as well as devotion to the society was well acknowledged by the conferment of honorary doctorates by The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, The Open University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Metropolitan University now), and The University of Hong Kong. His philanthropic activities were recognised by the bestowment of Hong Kong's highest honour, the Grand Bauhinia Medal in 2005, and the Order of the British Empire from the Queen of England in 1997.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to mechanical engineering, the HKIE conferred upon him the highest award of the Institution, an Honorary Fellowship, in 1986. The Institution is deeply grateful for Dr Chiang's contributions to mechanical engineering and in nurturing industrial talents. His contributions will always be remembered.

Dr Chiang is survived by his wife, daughters Lai Wah, Lai Wan, Lai Ping, Lily, Lai Ling and Lai Yuen, a son Chi Kin and his grandchildren.

The HKIE would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to his family.