

# In Loving Memory of Our Esteemed Group Founder Dr. James Wong Sai-Wing, JP

1938 – 2025

21<sup>st</sup> February, 2025

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Dr. James Sai-Wing Wong, Founding Chairman of the Chinney Group, on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Dr. Wong passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, at the age of 86.

Dr. Wong was born in Shanghai and raised in Hong Kong. He studied at the Pui Ching Middle School, where he placed first in the Hong Kong Chinese School Certificate Examination in 1957. After a brief period at the Hong Kong Baptist College, he left Hong Kong to pursue further studies at Baylor University in the United States. He earned a B.Sc. in Physics and Mathematics from Baylor University and then obtained a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the California Institute of Technology, becoming one of the first Ph.D. graduates from Hong Kong. Dr. Wong was later presented with Baylor University's Distinguished Achievement Award in 2012; and he was also awarded California Institute of Technology's highest honor, the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2014.

Following the passing of his father, Mr. Wong Chor-Choi, and encouraged by his father-in-law, Mr. Cha Chi-Ming, Dr. Wong left his already highly regarded academic tenure to return to Hong Kong in 1974 to manage the family businesses.

He took on the dual role of Managing Director of the Cha family's China Dyeing Works Limited and Chairman of the Chinney Construction Group. Dr. Wong led the Cha Textiles Group for two decades, overseeing the public listings of several companies before resigning to run the Chinney Group full-time at the end of the 1980's. Initially, the Chinney Group focused on real estate, building construction, and building maintenance. The group expanded into the garment industry, with factories in China, the Philippines, and Indonesia. In 1985, it acquired Hon Kwok Land Investment Company, Limited to grow its property investment business. In addition, the group further extended its operations into foundation works, piling, drilling, electrical and mechanical building services, implementing a comprehensive strategy of 'one-stop' vertically integrated construction services. In the 1990s, the group entered the real estate market in Mainland China, actively positioning itself in the first-tier cities. By the turn of the millennium, the group officially developed its hotel and serviced apartment businesses in Asia.

With outstanding management skills and a forward-looking vision, Dr. Wong led the group to greater heights. The Chinney Group has four companies listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited: Chinney Investments, Limited (0216.HK), Hon Kwok Land Investment Company, Limited (0160.HK), Chinney Alliance Group Limited (0385.HK) and Chinney Kin Wing Holdings Limited (1556.HK). The Group employs over 2,300 staff members across Mainland China, Hong Kong, Japan, and Macau. With a strong foundation in Hong Kong for over half a century, Dr. Wong expanded Chinney Group's global investment portfolio to manage assets exceeding HKD26 billion.

In addition to his business acumen, Dr. Wong achieved remarkable success in academia, publishing over 100 papers and editing several mathematical journals. As early as 1980, he was appointed as an Honorary Research Associate in the Department of Mathematics at the University of Hong Kong and had served as an Honorary Professor since 2004, actively promoting academic research and exchange. He also served as a Member of the University Council, the Review Committee as well as the Finance Committee. For his contributions, Dr. Wong was awarded the Honorary University Fellow in 2013.

Dr. Wong's research specializations included differential equations, qualitative and oscillatory theory, and functional analysis. His research and contributions to the academic community have had far-reaching impacts on the mathematical field. He was appointed the Honorary Editor of the *Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications* in 2012 and served as a Trustee of the Fields Foundation in Canada.

Dr. Wong personified the business philosophy of "Truth, Fairness, and Freedom". These core values not only reflected his personal beliefs but also served as the cornerstone of the Chinney Group's culture.

Dr. Wong actively participated in various public service initiatives, and dedicated himself to promoting the development and progress of Hong Kong. He has served as a Member of the Labour Advisory Board, the Textile Advisory Board where he represented Hong Kong in the WTO's Multifiber Arrangement, the Council for Academic Accreditation, and the Research Grants Council. He was also a Council Member of the Hong Kong Baptist University as well as the former Open University of Hong Kong (now known as Hong Kong Metropolitan University). In 1987, Dr. Wong was appointed a Justice of the Peace in recognition of his exceptional contributions in public service, highlighting his profound impact and selfless dedication to Hong Kong.

The Chinney Group will continue to honor Dr. Wong's legacy by striving for excellence, be pragmatic and progressive, and forging ahead to make greater contributions to our society. We extend our deepest condolences to Dr. Wong's family.

In Mourning

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## OBITUARY

**DR. JAMES WONG SAI-WING (王世榮博士) JP**, aged 86 years, devoted father of JAMES and EMILY, father-in-law of LISA JOE and HOWARD WONG, loving grandfather of CAMERON, SAMANTHA, IAN and ERIN, passed away peacefully on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025. He is also survived by MS. MADELINE CHA and MS. LYNN FU, both of whom played significant roles in his life.

Vigil will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (Wednesday) from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Grand Hall of Hong Kong Funeral Home, located at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 679 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong.

Formal Christian memorial service will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (Thursday) at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Dr. Wong's memory by making a donation. All memorial donations received will be donated to "The Incorporated Management Committee of Pui Ching Middle School".

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