

## Li Ka Shing Foundation-Seeking Change Searching for Betters

Established in 1980, the Li Ka Shing Foundation ("LKSF") has invested over HK\$26 billion to develop education and healthcare initiatives in over 27 countries and regions, with more than 80% of the projects benefiting the Greater China region.

Below are some of LKSF's major initiatives in 2019:



## 中小企10億 「應急錢」計劃

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The Crunch Time Instant Relief Fund Project was completed in mid-December 2019. A total of HK\$1.009 billion was granted, benefiting more than 28,000 SMEs and licensed hawkers.

### Crunch Time Instant Relief Fund for SMEs Programme

In October 2019, LKSF announced a donation of HK\$1 billion to set up the Crunch Time Instant Relief Fund in support of local Small and Medium Enterprises ("SMEs") in the food and beverage, retail and travel industries, as well as licensed hawkers, which are under severe duress from unprecedented challenges. The Foundation adopted a "trust more, stress less" attitude towards the vetting process. 43,000 applications were processed within 46 days with a total of HK\$1.009 billion granted to 66% of all eligible applicants, benefiting more than 28,000 SMEs.

### Rallying Together in Support of Frontline Medics

Since the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), selfless frontline medics in Wuhan have been battling to treat infected patients and contain the epidemic. On 10 February 2020, LKSF donated HK\$100 million through a special relief fund of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in Hong Kong to support their efforts.

In February, LKSF began distributing 250,000 masks to 13 social welfare organisations and six homes for the elderly in Hong Kong as well as essential medical supplies for the Hospital Authority.

### A Platform for Synthetic Biotechnologies

Considering the impact of a population surge on our planet's limited resources and the environment, the cross-disciplinary field of synthetic biology is set to become a core driving force of the future economy. In August 2019, LKSF announced support for the establishment of Hong Kong's first institute of synthetic biology at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology with a budget of HK\$500 million.

### Listening Angels

As at the end of December 2019, the Caritas Family Crisis Hotline and Education Centre had received over HK\$56 million from LKSF to offer a 24-hour hotline as well as crisis prevention workshops to meet public demand. Since 2008, the Centre has handled over 590,000 sessions.



Caritas Family Crisis Hotline and Education Centre holds workshops on a regular basis.



Mr Li Ka-shing addressed the audience at the Grand Opening Ceremony of Tsz Shan Monastery cum Inauguration of the Buddhist Art Museum in March 2019.

### Tsz Shan Monastery - Clarity, Compassion, and Action

The Tsz Shan Monastery strives to serve society through Buddhist teachings. Since its inception, LKSF has granted HK\$3 billion to support its development and operations. The Monastery has welcomed more than 1.2 million visitors as of end 2019.

The Tsz Shan Institute continues to develop “Kindful Insight”, seeking effective solutions for mind wellness and strengthening research and teaching collaborations between Hong Kong and overseas universities. The Buddhist Spiritual Counselling Centre provides professional counselling services and wellness programmes inspired by Buddhist wisdom, and has assisted 160,000 members of the public since 2015.

Opened to the public in May 2019, the Tsz Shan Monastery Buddhist Art Museum has welcomed about 80,000 visitors. The collection of more than 100 artifacts illustrates the history of Buddhism and enables visitors to cultivate spirituality through art appreciation and learning.

### Shantou University

Shantou University (“STU”) is co-developed by the Ministry of Education, the Guangdong Provincial Government and LKSF. As the only privately funded public university in Mainland China, STU is dedicated to promoting reform and innovation in Mainland China’s higher education sector. LKSF has made grants and commitments of over HK\$10 billion to support STU’s development. From 2019 to 2022 academic years, LKSF will make an annual grant of up to RMB100 million to provide full-tuition academic scholarships for all enrolled undergraduates.

STU has continued to enhance its capability in specialized areas such as law, Chinese language and literature, mathematics and applied mathematics, biotechnologies, machine design manufacturing and automation, clinical medicine, and visual communication design, and has been listed as a National First-class Undergraduate Program. For the fifth consecutive year,

STU has been recognised internationally and was ranked 43 among all Mainland universities in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

In 2019, 100% of enrolled freshmen from Guangdong Province chose STU as their first preference. The first-time employment rate for STU graduates has reached 98.47%, among the highest in Guangdong Province for many years.

### Shantou University Medical College

Shantou University Medical College (“SUMC”) is pioneering reforms in medical education which adopts global medical education standards to cultivate high-quality medical talents. For 22 consecutive years, all incoming students have selected SUMC as their first choice. The employment rate of new graduates has ranked among the top universities in Guangdong Province for 19 consecutive years. SUMC has taken the lead in adopting the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE Step 1) to evaluate students in the English-stream medical programme. Over the past eight years, the average passing rate of 91% for SUMC students in the USMLE Step 1 is close to those of accredited medical schools in the US, and the Clinical Medicine major has been in the world’s top 1% of ESI (Essential Science Index). The Clinical Medicine major has been listed in the national plan to develop world-class undergraduate courses.

The Joint Laboratory for Precise Diagnosis and Treatment of Infectious Diseases, chaired by Professor Guan Yi, director of the Shantou University-The University of Hong Kong Joint Institute of Virology, has been recognized as one of the top 10 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Joint Laboratories, and is the only one of its kind in Eastern Guangdong.

The new research center under construction since April 2019 is expected to be completed by April 2021. The new affiliated Cancer Hospital started construction in September and is scheduled to be completed in three years. On 26 December, the Joint Shantou International Eye Center of Shantou University and the Chinese University of Hong Kong set up a branch in the Chaozhou



The Shantou University commencement ceremony in August 2019, honouring 2,847 graduating students.

People's Hospital, donated by Mr Li Ka-shing, giving Chaozhou residents access to high quality ophthalmology services.

### Guangdong Technion Israel Institute of Technology (Joint venture between STU and Technion)

In 2019, the Guangdong Technion Israel Institute of Technology (GTIIT) enrolled 266 incoming students, taking the total student body to 738. Three GTIIT programmes for National Natural Science Foundation were approved. It is also the first time that GTIIT succeeded in applying for the Youth Science Fund and the Research Fund for International Young Scientists. Five Guangdong provincial key platforms and scientific research projects have also been approved, including Featured Innovative Projects and Youth Innovative Talent Projects.

LKSF donated US\$130 million to Technion to promote the co-establishment of GTIIT by Technion and STU, which is fully supported by the People's Government of Guangdong Province and the Shantou Municipal Government.



The National Telemedicine Symposium held at the Shantou University Medical College focused on sleep disorders.

### Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business

Since its founding on 21 November 2002, the Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business ("CKGSB") has aimed to cultivate transformative business leaders with a global vision, a humanistic spirit, a strong sense of social responsibility and an innovative mind-set. In its 17-year history, CKGSB has developed a growing network of 14,000 alumni.



The Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business hosts seminars and conferences to build bridges between the East and West.

### A Pipeline for Education, Research and Commercialization

The LKSF committed US\$2 million to support US-based start-up Evolve Biosystems and Zhejiang University's College of Animal Science to conduct research on "Antibiotics-free Animal Husbandry", and UK-based medical startup Owlstone and Shanghai Jiaotong University Renji Hospital to initiate a clinical study for early detection of lung cancer development of non-invasive "Breath Biopsy for Cancer Detection". A special donation of US\$1 million was made to the Zhejiang University's "Dr. Ba De-nian Medical Programme Development Fund" and an additional donation of RMB2 million was directed towards projects that benefit the development of female students.

In July 2019, LKSF donated RMB2 million to Shanghai Little Pigeons Dance Troupe to finance its exchange activities and philanthropic projects.

### Free Healthcare Services in Mainland China

Over the years, LKSF has contributed over RMB1 billion to support free medical care services, including "Heart of Gold" Nationwide Hospice Care Services; three phases of the Cheung Kong New Milestone Programme in collaboration with the China Disabled Persons' Federation to install prosthetics (400,000 cases) and provide rehabilitation support and training; Nationwide Medical Relief for the Poor; and the Kumbum Tibetan Medical Hospital Aid Programme. Over 17 million patients have benefited.



For more than 20 years, the "Heart of Gold" Nationwide Hospice Services Programme led by Shantou University Medical College has provided palliative services for patients in rural areas.

### Overseas Healthcare and Research

In 2019, LKSF made new commitments of over HK\$50 million to support major education, medical services, and scientific research projects at top overseas institutions.

Seeking Change, Searching for Better – The Foundation pledges to continue making contributions that advance healthcare, education, and technology.



