

BE THE LAMP ON THE STAND SHINETH UNTO THE HOUSE

INTERVIEW



Distinguished
Alumnus

“Always hold the heart to sacrifice and serve others, try extra-curricular activities or other commitments, it would allow you to broaden your horizon.”

Looking into Dr Anthony Wing Tai LEUNG's HKU journey, the very well-known HKU spirit “Bok Jun” (博盡) (literally means if one works so hard to achieve his goals, he would leave no regrets) would be the best description. Dr Leung was a Physics and Chemistry double major student. He took bold actions such as joining the degree structure committee in year 1, betting the science society chairman in year 2, and actively engaging in Hong Kong social movements in his final year of study. It seemed impossible to balance between tests and his engagements. Dr Leung, however, held a faith and a vision.

Dr Leung had faced hard times and difficulties in his years of study. In his final year, he had to balance between studying for the final exam that amount to the entirety of his degree, and his political activity.



Back fourth from left: Dr Leung

He persisted to continue his social movement because he believed. He stood by his friends at the movement and worked hard with them even during exam period. Spreading himself too thin, he eventually got a second degree honour. The result was a

bit defeating, but I guess hard work does come back to you. He was chosen to be the outstanding graduate of the year 1972, by Dr Kenneth Robinson, Vice Chancellor of the time.

Dr Leung went on to challenge himself, this time grasping his dream of working in media. He took his first step as a young Editor in *Breakthrough* and realised that he needed more knowledge to succeed. In light of that, he went back to academics and pursued a MFA in Cinema-Television degree in the infamous University of Southern California. A few hundreds applied, only seven graduated. Dr Leung was one out of the seven graduates.

Dr Leung was able to give his knowledge back to the Hong Kong society. He returned to *Breakthrough* in a leadership role, influenced and inspired more talents in the industry such as Andrew Choi, the producer of Best Film of 35th Hong Kong Film Awards — “Ten Years”.

In light of the global economic tsunami happened back in 2008, Dr Leung felt the necessity of bringing value into the master education. He hoped to nurture a group of future leaders who were extremely value driven, who would treasure community development, moral as much as economic advancement and technological breakthrough. He started his own academy, Lumina College. By working with local faculties and partnering with

overseas universities such as Wheaton College, Asbury University and Cairn University, he was able to actualise his vision.

He summarised that science was a pursuit of truth and this practice could apply to all aspects of life. For universities it was important to have this inquiry spirit to foresee global issues and their solutions. Rather than chasing ranking, the university could help student pursue truth and integrate it into all disciplines.

Dr Leung said in the interview, that “people will look down on you and people will criticise, but we should always focus on working hard towards your vision. Have the heart to serve others too, there are things that are beyond personal gain.” I believe in everyone's journey in HKU, there will come a period where one feels extremely lost and unmotivated, struggling to simply study. Bear in mind to work with a purpose, a principle and a vision. He would be the perfect example of how having a goal would empower you to be “Bok Jun” and live to your fullest potential.



Major Achievements

- MA Christianity and Society (Gordon-Conwell Seminary)
- MA in Radio-TV-Film (Bowling Green State University)
- MFA in Cinema-Television (University of Southern California)
- PhD in Communication (Regent University)
- President of Lumina College
- Ministry Advisor of Breakthrough

“In God's light we shall see light.”

STUDENT REPORTER

“Definitely loved his energy and fashion. He is an extremely helpful senior whom I admire so much! His idea to give back and share is so precious, that I believe we should learn from him. To be able to influence so much with Breakthrough's and Lumina College's work is definitely a work of tough leadership and faith. It's an honour to learn from him!”



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