<u>The Outstanding BRE Alumni Award 2014 – Awardee</u> <u>Brief Biography</u>

Sr CHAN Ka Kui, BBS, JP 陳家駒太平紳士、測量師

Higher Diploma in Surveying / Building Technology

(Year of Award: 1971)



Sr Chan Ka Kui qualified as a Chartered Quantity Surveyor in 1974 and has excelled himself in the last forty years. He is visionary, industrious and caring.

Sr Chan demonstrated his vision and pioneering spirit in the early days of his career. In the seventies, the Hong Kong economy was only in its early stage of development. At that time, most professional surveyors preferred to stay with government service or consultancy practice where employment was more secure. On the contrary, Sr Chan decided to leave government in 1978 and joined Hsin Chong Construction Company Limited, as its Chief Quantity Surveyor. It was a rare move at that time but it paid off remarkably. Through hard work and dedication, Sr Chan was quickly promoted to become the Managing Director and helped to build up the company to become a very successful multi-discipline major construction group in Hong Kong and Macau.

Sr Chan was an active and well respected member of the surveying and construction community. He had helped to shape the landscape of these two important areas of the property and construction industry in Hong Kong. He was elected as the Chairman of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Hong Kong Branch) in 1989, Chairman of the Construction Industry Training Authority from 1993 to 2001 and was the Vice President of the Hong Kong Construction Association from 1989 to 1999.

Sr Chan has a wide spectrum of interest and expertise. His contribution to Hong Kong is not merely restricted to the surveying profession and construction industry. He was appointed by the government to serve as Chairman of the Sir David Trench Fund Committee, Vice Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Council, and member of both the Town Planning Board, and the Sports Development Board.

The outstanding achievements of Sr Chan were recognized in the wider public domain as early as 1989 when he was elected an as an Outstanding Young Person; later appointed as a Justice of the Peace in 1992; and conferred the Bronze Bauhinia Award in 1998.

Sr Chan retired from employment in 2008 to focus on his interest in community service. He is currently the Chairman of the Mustard Seed Foundation which is a charitable foundation aiming to help young people from underprivileged families, Vice-Chairman of Friends of Caritas and a member of various government committees.

Notwithstanding his heavy commitment elsewhere, Sr Chan is always available to render service to his alma mater. He has a very long history of association with the BRE Department since the early eighties. The Department has benefitted from his sound advice and many students have benefitted from his philanthropy and mentorship. He was Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Department from 2009 to 2013, and is currently an Adjunct Professor of the University.