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Hong Leong Foundation Honours The Past, Invests In The Future

Hong Leong Foundation contributes to Masters scholarship at Cambridge University

Singapore, 6 September 2017 – Hong Leong Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Hong Leong Group Singapore has made a contribution of £300,000 (S\$525,870) to the newly launched Lee Kuan Yew Fitzwilliam Fund. The announcement was made yesterday (5 September).

Established by Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, the Fund that was launched in Singapore at The Arts House (formerly Old Parliament House) offers opportunities to support and promote intellectual exchanges between Singapore and the well renowned University of Cambridge. It also supports graduate scholarships for students of the College.

Hong Leong Foundation's donation will be used to establish the **LKY Hong Leong Masters Scholarships at Fitzwilliam**, a 5 to 10 year graduate programme subject to variables such as the student's study of choice and length of courses. Candidates of the programme will also enable them to undertake part of their studies in Singapore or an academic project that involves a joint collaboration between Cambridge and a university here.

Fitzwilliam is one of 31 colleges of the University, of which the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew was an alumnus. The late Prime Minister, seen as the 'Founding Father' of modern Singapore, governed the country for three decades. He graduated from Fitzwilliam College with a "starred First" (or First Class Honours with Distinction) in Law before embarking on his long and illustrious political career in the 1950s. He was elected as an Honorary Fellow of Fitzwilliam College in 1969. Mr Lee died at age 91 on 23 March 2015.

"The late Mr Lee was a source of inspiration for many of us. He made his stamp by shaping our nation and business values. Our support towards the Lee Kuan Yew Fitzwilliam Fund is an extension of us remembering and honouring his legacy of being Singapore's most celebrated alumnus of Cambridge University. We are investing in the next generation of outstanding young scholars and the long-term future of Singapore," said Mr Kwek Leng Beng, a Governor of Hong Leong Foundation. He is also the Executive Chairman of Hong Leong Group Singapore.

"Fitzwilliam College really values our historic and continuing relationship with Singapore, and I am delighted that we have been able to recognise this by building on the memory of Lee Kuan Yew, through the inauguration of a Fund that will nurture this relationship for a new generation of scholars," said Mrs Nicola Padfield, Master of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. She thanked Hong Leong Foundation for its contribution to the Masters scholarship.

Established in 1980, Hong Leong Foundation is a regular and committed supporter in many areas such as education, welfare, heritage and the Arts. Some initiatives that have benefited include the Hong Leong-National Kidney Foundation Dialysis Centre, Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts Ltd, the Singapore Violin Festival, Song Lovers Choral Society, Singapore Chinese Orchestra, the Eurasian Association Singapore, Toy Factory Productions, and Robot Playground Media.

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