



何鴻毅先生
Mr. Robert H. N. Ho

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以德為業 濟世為心

生於顯赫家族的何鴻毅，沒有止於為家族生意建功立業，創辦了慈善機構「何鴻毅家族基金」，致力在世界各地推廣中華文化藝術和佛教哲理。除了家族基金的慈行，他亦以個人身份在加拿大支持多個別具創見的醫療和教育計劃。自移居加國以後，他專注於慈善事業；2013年獲頒卑詩省最高榮譽「卑詩勳章」。他的信念，與其基金的宗旨如出一轍：以全人教育提升自我，以關愛之心助人，為世界帶來積極正面的影響。

現年近85歲的何鴻毅，生於香港，為何東爵士和張蓮覺居士的孫兒，父為何世禮將軍。何東爵士是知名商賈，擁有《工商日報》，祖母則愛佛法，並建立了東蓮覺苑；何鴻毅在人生路上，自然與傳媒和佛學結緣，也曾經歷戰亂中的飢貧憂戚，體會人生無常，盛衰何恃，是以抱持豁達胸懷盡力為他人做一些好事，誠如祖父的遺訓：「懂得施，方能受」。

大時代、黃金時代的歷練

1932年的香港，正值各種時代巨變蘊釀翻騰的年代。何鴻毅生在中港各地極具名望的何東家族，可說是含著金匙出生。然而，1941年日軍佔領香港，使他從貴族式生活掉入一貧如洗、三餐不繼，幾乎連鞋子也沒有可穿的境況。有一段日子，他和家人更要寄居親友家，又住進東蓮覺苑逃避日軍。年僅9歲的何鴻毅對這3年零8個月的體會銘記於心，也學會怎樣看待豐富、或缺乏；知道手中所有都可以在瞬間化為烏有。

戰後重回上學路的何鴻毅先後就讀於嶺南學校及培正中學，其後負笈美國，獲科爾傑大學文學士學位，及哥倫比亞大學新聞學研究所的碩士銜。畢業後，何鴻毅曾在匹茲堡市擔任英文報章記者，及《國家地理雜誌》駐華府特派員。這段自己在外闖的日子，既讓他建立普世視野，也培養出新聞工作者的專業和拼搏精神。

30歲那年，何鴻毅帶同妻兒一家返港，協助其父管理家族生意及投資業務，並接手管理《工商日報》。在這段事業的黃金期，何鴻毅亦經歷了人生另一個轉捩點：心靈上的覺醒。

1978年，他加入東蓮覺苑的董事局，結識了悟一法師，對法師所解釋的佛教哲理很感佩服，使他對佛學和人生有新的啟悟。悟一法師給他深印腦海的是「勤、儉、寬、和」四字，自此再續佛緣，致力弘揚佛法，並承繼了祖母推廣佛學的遺願。

加國結善緣 建善業

60歲以後，何鴻毅放下香港的事業，移居加拿大。緣起於他當時正尋找在海外籌建東蓮覺苑的合適地點。太太一直與溫哥華朋友保持聯繫，他駐足溫哥華以後，隨即愛上這個城市，也認定這是建立東蓮覺苑的福地。

1994年，他在溫哥華親自籌建加拿大東蓮覺苑，其後，又於2005年成立加拿大東蓮覺苑基金，設立佛學研究計劃和教席。該基金更聯同香港東蓮覺苑，向溫哥華卑詩大學、香港大學佛學研究中心、多倫多大學和泰國國際佛教大學等大

專院校提供捐助。

退而不休的何鴻毅，除了開始專注佛學研究，也著眼回饋社會，開展他的慈善事業。2005年，何鴻毅成立了獨立慈善機構「何鴻毅家族基金」。基金立足香港，致力在世界各地推廣中華文化、藝術和佛教哲理。

基金透過捐助世界多所著名學府和機構，致力培育佛學學者和立志以佛理服務社會的專才。何鴻毅又推動「佛門網」的成立與發展，該網站為現今最大及瀏覽次數最高的佛教網站之一。

基金又先後在香港及海外城市籌辦及贊助多項文化計劃，包括於2009年在倫敦維多利亞與亞伯特博物館開設英國首個佛教雕塑常設館，以及於2010年贊助秦兵馬俑首度到訪加拿大。近年贊助的項目包括2014年皇家安大略博物館和溫哥華美術館的「紫垣攝珍——故宮博物院藏明清宮廷生活文物」展覽，以及2016年分別在蓋蒂中心舉行的「敦煌石窟寺：中國絲綢之路上的佛教藝術」展覽和在三藩市亞洲藝術博物館舉行的「皇帝品味——臺北國立故宮博物院精品展」。

在香港，基金策劃多個藝術教育計劃，透過攝影、寫作和舞蹈，激發青少年的創意。此外又出版了獲獎書籍，並發展遍及中港台、新加坡以至北美的文化教育工作坊。基金亦為教育工作者、作曲家、策展人和作家設立不同的創作、交流和學術研究計劃，創建精彩的文化環境。

何鴻毅曾獲多所知名學府頒授名譽學位，表揚他在推動文化藝術、學術研究、貢獻社會各方面的成就，當中包括香港演藝學院榮譽博士學位（2007）、香港大學名譽社會科學博士學位（2009）、哥倫比亞大學公共服務院長勳章（2009）、科爾傑大學名譽人文學博士學位（2011）、卑詩大學名譽法律博士學位（2012），及香港浸會大學榮譽人文學博士學位（2015）。

濟世心 延展與承傳

何鴻毅移居溫哥華以後，既關注社會現況，也體察社區人士身心靈各方面的需要，是以領頭捐助多項創新的醫療服務，予以扶助。

2009年，何鴻毅撥款支持溫哥華綜合醫院及卑詩大學醫院基金，為專研前列腺癌、卵巢癌及髖部健康的國際知名計劃，興建「何鴻毅研究中心」。2011年，何氏伉儷領頭捐助獅門醫院基金，於北溫哥華建精神科治療及教育中心The HOpe Centre。中心於2014年9月啟用，除了提供精神健康服務，更附設教學設施供卑詩大學醫學院使用，惠及學生和當地市民。

同年10月，他捐助另一項甚具遠見的計劃，支持溫哥華沿岸衛生局（VCH）、溫哥華綜合醫院及卑詩大學醫院基金，成立「何鴻毅醫護服務基金」，投放資源培訓溫哥華沿岸衛生局轄下地區的在職醫護及相關人才，提供教育、專業發展培訓和終身學習的機會，藉此改善醫療服務質素。

較早前，何鴻毅與溫哥華沿岸衛生局、溫哥華綜合醫院及卑詩大學醫院基金再度合作，支持醫療專業人員在臨床實務中融入臨終病人安寧照顧的培訓。衛生局將聘請安寧照顧方面的專家、護理人員等，教育醫院工作人員有關安寧照顧的方法以及新知識，幫助病人及其家人了解安寧照顧各階段的工作。何鴻毅和太太深感安寧服務的重要性，希望讓病人獲得精神上的支持和活得有尊嚴，而個人的價值以及願望均得到尊重。

何鴻毅為卑詩省所作的善舉意義深遠，除協助該省提升科研及醫學成就，也提高公眾對精神健康的關注。2013年，他獲頒卑詩省最高榮譽「卑詩勳章」，表揚他優化卑詩省公民生活的多項貢獻。2014年，溫哥華綜合醫院及卑詩大學醫院基金頒發「領袖年獎」給他，以表彰他推動醫療發展及專才培訓的遠見。

在加拿大生活了二十多年，何鴻毅很認同加國所持的開放、寬容態度，以及在國際間樹立的良好榜樣，也希望這種精神在未來的日子可以發揚光大，有更多國民願意付出、施予，分擔彼此的需要。

他表示自己向來選擇以親身參與的方式去做善事，並說這是他沒有承繼祖父和父親之處，因為他們往往以一張支票作為支持，而自己卻總會主動參與慈善計劃的籌劃、進行、以致完成和永續發展的整個過程。他的心願是下一代能承傳這種精神，開發慈心，讓人與人的關懷延展開去，實踐祖父的教誨「懂得施，方能受」。



在「何鴻毅家族基金佛學與當代社會課程主任及何鴻毅家族基金佛學與當代社會課程」新命名儀式上，獲致送一幅書法作品

Unveiling a calligraphy work in celebration of the renaming of The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Chair and Program in Buddhism and Contemporary Society



何鴻毅先生一直延續由何東爵士開展的家族慈善傳統

Mr. Ho always perpetuates his family's philanthropic legacy, which started in the generation of Sir Robert



位於北溫哥華的The HOpe Centre，提高公眾對精神健康的關注
Moving mental health issues front and centre stage: HOpe Centre, North Vancouver



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2013年獲頒卑詩省最高榮譽「卑詩勳章」。授勳儀式上與省督古桑(右)及省長簡蕙芝(左)合照

Being appointed to the Order of British Columbia (OBC) in 2013. Chancellor of the Order Judith Guichon (right) and Premier Christy Clark (left) officiated at the ceremony



2014年攝於溫哥華美術館「紫垣擷珍」大型展覽

At *The Forbidden City: Inside the Court of China Emperors*, an exhibition held at the Vancouver Art Gallery in 2014



與何世禮將軍(右)攝於何東花園
With General Ho Shai Lai (right) at the Ho Tung Gardens



於1994年在溫哥華親自籌建非牟利佛教慈善機構加拿大東蓮覺苑
Establishing The Tung Lin Kok Yuen, Canada Society, a non-profit philanthropic Buddhist organisation in Vancouver in 1994



「何鴻毅研究中心」專研前列腺癌、卵巢癌及髖部健康

The Robert H. N. Ho Research Centre is home to 3 internationally recognised research programmes on prostate cancer, ovarian cancer, and hip health and mobility.



與藝術家汪建偉2014年攝於古根漢美術館「汪建偉：時間寺」展覽

At the opening of the *Wang Jianwei: Time Temple* exhibition presented by the Solomon R Guggenheim Museum in 2014



與前美國總統布殊合照。布殊親筆在相片上向何世禮將軍致以問候
With former U. S. President George H. W. Bush, and with personal greetings to General Ho Shai Lai



與妻子何羅綺文的慈善遠見，提升醫療服務水準並推動未來發展

With wife Mrs Greta Ho, their visionary philanthropy has advanced excellence in health care

Mr. Robert H. N. Ho

Born to a prominent family, Mr. Robert Hung Ngai Ho did not just carry on building the family business empire. He also founded a charity: "The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation", to promote Chinese culture and art as well as Buddhist philosophy around the world. In addition to the work of his family foundation, Mr. Robert H. N. Ho personally made visionary donations benefiting health care and education, especially in his new home country. Since he moved to Canada, he has focused on philanthropic work. In 2013, he was awarded the highest honor in British Columbia: "The Order of British Columbia". His conviction is exactly the same as the mission of his foundation: to educate the whole person, to help others with love from the heart, and to bring about positive change to the world.

Now almost 85 years old, Robert Hung Ngai was born in Hong Kong. He is a grandson of Sir Robert Ho Tung and Lady Clara. His father was General Ho Sai Lai. Sir Robert Ho Tung was a business mogul who, among other things, owned the Kung Sheung (Industrial and Commercial) newspaper group, while his grandmother was a devout Buddhist who built Tung Lin Kok Yuen, a Buddhist temple. Naturally, Robert Hung Ngai bonded with the media and Buddhism early in his life. During the war, he experienced hunger and poverty, and suffered through anxiety and sorrow. Having gone through so many ups and downs, he understands the impermanence of life, and sees beyond. With a generous and open heart, he follows his grandfather's teachings, "before you can receive, you must learn how to give" and endeavors to do good for the world.

The Hong Kong of 1932 was in turbulent times. A scion of the most prominent family in the east, Robert Hung Ngai was born with a silver spoon in his mouth. But in December 1941 the Japanese occupied

Hong Kong, and overnight his aristocratic life was no more. All of a sudden, it was no longer certain or possible to have three meals a day, or a pair of shoes on one's feet. For some time, he and his family stayed with friends and relatives, and they moved to Tung Lin Kok Yuen to escape from the Japanese soldiers. Robert Hung Ngai was only 9 years old then, but those three years and eight months were etched forever in his mind. He has learned how to live through good and lean times and knows everything can be naught with a sleight of the hand.

After the war Robert Hung Ngai went back to school, studying in Lingnan and Pui Ching Middle School. He studied in the United States, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colgate University, and a Masters degree in journalism from Columbia University. After graduation, Robert Hung Ngai landed a reporter's job with an English newspaper in Pittsburgh, and subsequently worked as a correspondent in Washington with the "National Geographic magazine". Those days on his own not only allowed him to establish a broad view of the universe, but also cultivated professional journalism and a can-do spirit.

When Robert Hung Ngai turned 30 years old, he returned to Hong Kong with his wife and children to help his father manage the family and investment businesses. He took over the management of the Kung Sheung newspaper business. It was during this golden age of his career that he experienced another turning point in his life: the awakening of his heart and soul.

He joined the board of Directors of Tung Lin Kok Yuen, and befriended the Venerable Wu Yi, a Dharma Master, who was able to explain Buddhist philosophy to him. He was both enthralled and enlightened in his new understanding of Buddhism and life. The Venerable Wu Yi's four words: "diligence, frugality, benevolence, harmony" have been etched in his mind ever since. Since then Robert Hung Ngai has continued his destiny with Buddhism. He is committed to promoting the Dharma, and fulfills his grandmother's wish to

promote Buddhism around the world.

After Robert Hung Ngai turned sixty, he left his business in Hong Kong and moved to Canada. At that time he was looking for a suitable place to build a Buddhist temple overseas. It happens that his wife has friends in Vancouver, and he fell in love with the city after staying there for a while. Vancouver also turned out to be the perfect spot to build Tung Lin Kok Yuen temple.

Robert Hung Ngai planned and built Tung Lin Kok Yuen in 1994, and later in 2005 he also established the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation, to fund Buddhism research programs and teaching chair positions. Together with Tung Lin Kok Yuen in Hong Kong, the foundation contributes funds to institutions such as the University of British Columbia, the University of Toronto, Center of Buddhist Studies at the University of Hong Kong and the International Buddhist College of Thailand.

By then, Robert Hung Ngai had retired to focus on expanding philanthropic work and his own Buddhist studies. In 2005, Robert Hung Ngai and his family established an independent charity “The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation”. Based in Hong Kong, the foundation is committed to promoting Chinese culture, art and Buddhist philosophy around the world.

Through its donations to many of the world’s leading institutions and organizations, the family foundation aims to develop Buddhist scholars and Buddhism practitioners who can serve the community. Robert Hung Ngai has also developed www.buddhistdoor.com, one of the largest and most visited Buddhist websites on the internet.

The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation has organized and sponsored a number of cultural programs in Hong Kong and overseas, including the opening of a permanent Buddhist sculpture gallery at Victoria

and Albert Museum in London in 2009, and the first visit of the Qin Terracotta Army to Canada in 2010. The exhibitions sponsored in recent years include The Forbidden City: Inside the Court of China’s Emperors at the Royal Ontario Museum and the Vancouver Art Gallery in 2014, and Cave Temples of Dunhuang: Buddhist Art on China’s Silk Road at the Getty Centre and Emperors’ Treasures: Chinese Art from the National Palace Museum, Taipei at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco in 2016.

In Hong Kong, The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation established arts education programs to inspire young people to creativity through photography, writing and dance movement. In addition, it has published award-winning books and developed cultural education workshops in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore and North America. The fund also provides opportunities for creative and research programs and exchanges for educators, composers, curators and writers to enhance the overall cultural environment.

In recognition of his contribution to arts and culture, academic research and society at large, Robert Hung Ngai has received honorary degrees from many prestigious universities. These include an Honorary Doctorate from The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (2007), Doctor of Social Science honoris causa from The University of Hong Kong (2009), Dean’s Medal for Public Service from Columbia University (2009), Doctor of Humane Letters from Colgate University (2011), Doctor of Laws honoris causa from the University of British Columbia (2012), and Doctor of Humanities honoris causa from Hong Kong Baptist University (2015).

Since Robert Hung Ngai moved to Vancouver, he has taken notice of its social environment, and the needs of the community. He began to focus on actively supporting a number of leading and innovative donations.

In 2009, Robert Hung Ngai made a donation to the Vancouver General Hospital and the University of British Columbia Hospital Foundation to establish the Robert H. N. Ho Research Centre, host of three internationally recognized research programs on prostate cancer, ovarian cancer, and hip health and mobility. In 2011, Robert Hung Ngai and his wife Greta made a leadership contribution to the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation for the establishment of a new centre for mental health and addiction services in North Vancouver. The Greta and Robert H. N. Ho Centre for Psychiatry and Education (The HOpe Centre), opened in September 2014 and includes a teaching facility for the UBC Faculty of Medicine to increase educational opportunities for medical students and residents.

In October 2014, he made another visionary donation and this time partnered with the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCH) and the VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation to create The Robert H. N. Ho Enhancing Patient Care Fund. This fund invests in human capital initiatives that support education, professional development and lifelong learning for nurses and other health professionals across the Vancouver Coastal Health region, improving the quality of medical services and patient outcomes.

Just recently, Robert Hung Ngai partnered again with the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority and the VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation, to support health care professionals in integrating a palliative approach to care into clinical practice. VCH will hire specialists to educate health professionals about what a palliative approach to care entails. These specialists will also help patients and their families understand the palliative care process. Robert Hung Ngai and his wife Greta feel that palliative care is very important, because it allows patients approaching the end of their lives to live with dignity, get spiritual support and ensure their values and wishes are respected.

Robert Hung Ngai's philanthropic work in British Columbia will have everlasting impact. In addition to helping the province advance its scientific and medical research, he has also raised public awareness about mental health issues. In 2013, Mr. Ho was appointed to the Order of British Columbia (OBC), the province's highest honour, in recognition of his significant contributions to the lives of his fellow citizens. In honour of his philanthropic efforts to advance medical and human development, the VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation presented him with its 2014 Leadership Award.

Having lived in Canada for more than two decades now, Robert Hung Ngai concurs with our country's openness, tolerance and Canada being a role model at the international level. He also hopes that these values will flourish in the coming days, with more Canadians willing to give and share with each other.

He says he has always chosen to personally involve in his philanthropic work and this is one area where he did not follow his grandfather and father's steps, because in their time, they often just wrote a check to support a charitable cause. For Robert Hung Ngai, being actively involved in his philanthropic projects increases their impact on his community and the satisfaction he gets from the whole process of project planning, execution, successful completion, and sustainability. His wish is that future Ho generations will carry on with his spirit, to live always with care and compassion for others, and be guided by his grandfather's teachings, "before you can receive, you must learn how to give".