

FONG YUN WAH
方潤華

HONG-KONG
LONG SHU FOOK TONG FOUNDATION
FUND LTD

DUKE WELLINGTON HOUSE
9TH FLOOR,
NO. 14-24 WELLINGTON STREET,
HONG KONG
TEL. 5-231582, 5-244706



20th October, 1979.

Hon. Guests

DEAR LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

ON BEHALF OF MY FATHER & MY FAMILY, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY WARM WELCOME AND HEARTY THANKS FOR YOUR PRESENCE THIS EVENING. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGES AND LOVELY GIFTS.

YOU MAY WELL REMEMBER THAT A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GIFT WAS PRESENTED TO MY FATHER LAST YEAR ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY. AND HERE, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE A GUESS AT WHAT WE HAVE GOT FOR HIM THIS YEAR FOR HIS BIRTHDAY. MY GOOD FRIEND, MR. TSE, WHO WILL BE GIVING HIS SPEECH IN A MOMENT WILL REVEAL THE ANSWER. TO MAKE THIS EVENING A MORE HAPPY AND MEMORABLE OCCASION, WE HAVE CORDIALLY INVITED MR. TSE TO LEAD ALL THE GUESTS TO SING A "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" SONG FOR MY FATHER. MEANWHILE, I WOULD LIKE TO QUOTE YOU A STORY WHICH MAY INTEREST YOU.

SOME 91 YEARS AGO, DR. SUN YAT SEN, A GREAT CHINESE LEADER, WHO WAS AT THAT TIME IN SAN FRANCISCO, ARRANGED A SMALL FORUM AT THE CORNER OF A STREET TO SELL HIS IDEA ON DEMOCRACY. AS HE STOOD TO MAKE HIS SPEECH, HE WAS SURPRISED TO FIND A YOUNG BOY, SITTING ON AN ORANGE BOX, THE ONLY AUDIENCE. AFTER HIS SPEECH, DR. SUN YAT SEN WENT OVER TO THE YOUNG BOY AND SAID: "WELL, DEAR FRIEND, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY SPEECH?" "DEAR SIR," THE YOUTH ANSWERED, "I CAME HERE NOT TO LISTEN TO YOUR SPEECH BUT JUST TO SIT AND RELAX AFTER A LONG WALK."

WITH A SENSE OF HUMOUR, DR. SUN SAID: "GOOD! MY FRIEND, I AM PROUD OF HAVING YOU HERE. FROM NOW ON YOU WILL BE MY REGULAR AUDIENCE. AND I AM SURE MORE PEOPLE WOULD COME TO LISTEN TO MY SPEECH AND TO SUPPORT MY IDEA IN FUTURE."

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, THE BOY CAME TO LISTEN TO EVERY SPEECH DR. SUN GAVE. EVENTUALLY, THE YOUNG MAN BECAME A REGULAR AUDIENCE AND SUPPORTER OF DOCTOR SUN.

2/.....From this story

20th October, 1979.

PAGE II.

FROM THIS STORY, WE WOULD LEARN THAT: "TO BE THE FIRST ONE TO INITIATE A THING TO BE DONE IS VERY IMPORTANT."

WITH OUR DONATION OF HK\$1.5 MILLION TO THE H.K. CHINESE UNIVERSITY ON THE OCCASION OF MY FATHER'S 80TH BIRTHDAY LAST YEAR, THE FONGS' FAMILY WOULD CONTINUE WITH OUR UNFAILING REPORTS TO DO MORE CHARITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND TO THE WORLD.

BEFORE CONCLUDING MY SPEECH, LET US HOPE AND PRAY FOR THE CONTINUED GROWTH AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG IN THE YEARS AHEAD. SURELY, I WOULD WISH YOU ALL TO JOIN ME FOR OTHER CELEBRATIONS OF HAPPY OCCASIONS LIKE THIS ONE AND THE COMING CENTURY.

I WILL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU ALL, ONCE AGAIN, FOR BEING HERE WITH OUR FAMILY TONIGHT.

AND NOW, IT'S TIME FOR MR. TSE TO GIVE THIS SPEECH. LET US ALL WELCOME MR. TSE. THANK YOU.



Fundação Cuidar o Futuro