

傳承儒家襟懷 慷慨澤萬家

李亮漢是第二代華裔，1933年出生於卑詩省溫哥華市。這位富有遠見的慈善家將他大部分的時間、專業知識和資源都奉獻了出來，為卑詩省以及加拿大人民建設更美好的未來，以他的慷慨愛心影響和改變了無數人的生活。自1956年從卑詩大學(UBC)畢業後，他就堅持不懈回饋母校。

李亮漢的童年是在溫哥華唐人街渡過的。他父親Ronald Bick Lee於1911年從中國廣東台山來到加拿大。在卑詩省維多利亞市登陸後，起初是作洗碗工。1916年Bick Lee搬到溫哥華，在一家餐館工作，後來又到一家進口貿易公司上班。到1921年，Bick Lee積累了足夠的資源和經驗，於是創建了自己的進出口業務，他後來成為加拿大亞洲商品的主要進口商之一。

1914年，Bick Lee回到中國老家和鄰村一位名叫Gin King Choon的女孩結了婚。這是一樁盲婚。由於當時加拿大的移民限制，Bick Lee的妻子直到1928年才能移民到加拿大。他們夫婦養育了七個孩子。Bick Lee勤勉工作，除了養自己的家，還一直扶持自己和妻子在中國大陸和香港的親戚。他活到104歲高壽才去世。

李亮漢的父親對社區有強烈的服務意識和奉獻精神。他倡導了溫哥華華僑公立學校的籌款和重建項目，並數次捐助唐人街的諸多事業。從他身上，李亮漢學到了傳統的儒家價值觀：



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謙遜、誠實、勤勉和仁義。這些價值觀在他心中根深蒂固，對他的一生影響頗深。儘管早年並不富足，他們一家還是長年累月把省吃儉用省下的錢寄回中國老家。

卑詩大學歷史學家余全毅（Henry Yu）曾主導一個歷史項目——紀錄片《加華記事：尋常歷史中不尋常的故事》，在其中可以一瞥李亮漢的童年。其中有一段，李亮漢講述了他父親開店前的艱辛往事。那時他父親白天在溫室工作，晚上又到餐館打工。李亮漢說道：「12年來，我們每週只能有兩個小時見到父親。18歲以前我從來沒理過髮，一直都是父親用一個飯碗罩著給我們剪頭髮。」

李亮漢小時候並不是一個特別出色的學生。但很早的時候，他就對房地產市場產生了興趣，還和父親討論了他的想法以及獨自創業的願望。懷著夢想，他努力提高成績，終於被卑詩大學錄取，並於1956年畢業獲得商業學士學位。

大學畢業後，李亮漢最初為父親工作，但很快便獨自創業，成立了一家成功的房地產企業，在加拿大西海岸和美國的業務都開展得紅紅火火。

20世紀60年代，香港發生動亂，對共產主義中國接管香港的恐懼促使許多富有的香港人來到溫哥華。這些潛在投資者中有許多都被引薦給了李亮漢，就因為他會說粵語。李亮漢曾經說：「我要感謝父親讓我堅持上了12年中文學校。」2014年5月的Trek雜誌採訪他時，他還說道：「我售出的第一棟樓就是西區最大的公寓樓，這幢樓一共有263套房。我把佣金支票拿給父親看，上面的數字是我年薪的十倍。父親說：『你做這

一行算是做對了』」。

1966年，李亮漢與人共同創立了Wall Financial Corporation。1979年，他又獨自創辦了Prospero國際房地產公司，投資的地產項目非常豐富，涵蓋了商業和工業地產。

李亮漢致力於回饋母校，為此投入了大量的時間和資源。1984年至1990年，他在卑詩大學校董會任職，1993年當選為校監。他還擔任卑詩大學基金會的主席，也是該校「開啟革新」（start an evolution）活動的名譽主席，該活動籌集了超過16億加元，有13萬名校友參與了革新教育、開創性研究和社區教育的項目活動。2006年，卑詩大學在尚德商學院設立了李亮漢研究院，以表彰李亮漢及其家人為支持研究生商業教育所做出的貢獻。卑詩大學還於2015年成立了李亮漢校友中心，以彰顯他的貢獻。

李亮漢對卑詩大學的諸多貢獻中，他最引以為豪的是設立了卑詩大學地產信託。他於1988年創立這個信託，並且擔任董事長直到2011年，如今擔任名譽董事長。該信託是北美第一個在大學校園的租賃土地上開發市場住房的信託，使得卑詩大學保持土地所有權的同時還能有外部收入來保障大學的未來。作為卑詩大學房地產公司的創始董事長，他從一開始就負責開發500英畝的大學保留地，這塊土地已經通過租賃業務籌集了超過16億美元的資金，預計永久性資金將達到40億美元。李亮漢的願景啟發了各地大學的類似項目，成為全世界增加教育經費的最有影響力的思路之一。

多年來，李亮漢為溫哥華市和卑詩省做出了巨大貢獻，

並對許多人的生活產生了影響。他持續不懈地贊助支持包括李亮漢和李鄧麗娟家庭社區醫療中心以及溫哥華綜合醫院暨卑詩大學醫院基金會在內的多家機構，為社區參與樹立了榜樣。因為他的慷慨和堅定信念，溫哥華市中心的青年基督會以他命名。李亮漢自己也曾經是基督教青年會成員，長達45年以上。2017年，李亮漢擔任基督教青年會「What Really Matters」資金籌款活動名譽主席，目標是籌集1.4億加幣在素里、溫哥華、高貴林和奇利瓦克建立四個新的社區中心，為超過20萬人提供服務。李亮漢還擔任過眾多公司的董事，最著名的有Wall Financial Corporation、BC電話公司(Telus)、皇冠人壽保險公司和加拿大國家鐵路公司。此外，他還擔任過卑詩省銀行受托人、加拿大房地產研究所主任以及溫哥華基金會、卑詩省截癱患者基金會和溫哥華港務局的董事。

對社區的無私奉獻為李亮漢贏得了諸多榮譽。他於1990年獲得卑詩勳章，又於1999年獲得加拿大勳章。1990年，李亮漢還被評為年度最佳商人，這一榮譽是由一群華裔加拿大商人組成的評委小組以及溫哥華貿易委員會授予他的。1996年，卑詩大學授予李亮漢榮譽法學博士學位。此外，多年來他還獲得過各類機構授予的許多獎項，例如安永會計師事務所頒發的2008年度太平洋終身成就獎，以及2010年成為入選卑詩省名人堂的商業獲獎者。

李亮漢深深感激他的妻子李鄧麗娟，他們夫婦有四個孩子，在金錢並不寬裕的歲月裡，是妻子把一家人緊緊團結在一起，並且通過精打細算節省開支。僅僅通過兩代人的努力，李

氏家族就實現了從身無分文到創建家族王朝和傳奇的飛躍。他們將儒家文化謙虛、勤奮和社會責任的傳統價值觀代代傳承下來，不懼困難挑戰，為加拿大和世界帶來變化，打造更美好的家園。



李日如夫婦與兒女合影
Ron Bick Lee, his wife Zhen Qiongchun and their five children



李亮漢於1990年獲加拿大勳章
1990 Receptient Robert Lee - Order of BC



卑詩大學有效發展土地資源
UBC turns land into a river of gold



2006年李亮漢攝於卑詩大學
Dr. Robert H. Lee poses in 2006 beside a plaque showing the graduate school at the University of B.C



李亮漢夫婦合攝
Robert (Bob) Lee and Lily Lee



李亮漢校友中心前攝
Robert H Lee alumni centre showcase



李亮漢校友中心開幕
The Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre Opens



李亮漢被稱為「卑詩大學」先生
Santa J. Ono meets Robert H Lee "Mr. UBC" and his grandson Bob Murphy



李亮漢一家創立溫哥華華埠基金
The Lee family — Carol, Bob and Lily — founded the Chinatown Foundation



李亮漢校友中心慶祝會
"Raising the Roof" The Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre Celebration



卑詩大學以新建的校友中心來慶祝
該校100周年
UBC celebrates 100th birthday with new Alumni Centre



2018年李亮漢獲CCAIE教育之友獎
Congratulations to Bob H. Lee for receiving the 2018 CCAE Friend of Education Award

Dr Robert Lee

Born in Vancouver, British Columbia in 1933, Robert (Bob) Lee is a second generation Chinese Canadian whose generosity has touched the lives of many. A visionary and a philanthropist, Bob has dedicated much of his time, expertise and resources to building a better future for British Columbians and Canadians. He graduated from the University of British Columbia(UBC) in 1956, and since then has devoted a significant amount of his time to give back to his alma mater.

Bob spent his childhood growing up in Vancouver's Chinatown. His father, Ronald Bick Lee, immigrated to Canada in 1911 from Toisan, Guangdong, China. First landed in Victoria, BC, working as a dishwasher, Bick moved to Vancouver in 1916 and worked in a restaurant and later an import company. By 1921, Bick Lee had accumulated enough resources and experience to found his own import/export business that later became one of the leading importers of Asian goods in Canada.

Bick Lee was married to a girl called Gin King Choon from a village near his own when he went back to China in 1914. It was a pre-arranged marriage. Because of the immigration restrictions in Canada at that time, she did not get to immigrate to Canada till 1928. The couple had seven children altogether. Bick Lee was committed to supporting and helping his own and his wife's extended families in Mainland China and Hong Kong. He passed

away at the age of 104.

Bob's father had a strong commitment to serve the community. He led the fund-raising and re-construction projects of Vancouver Chinese Public School and also donated to many causes in Chinatown. From him, Bob learned the traditional Confucian values of humility, honesty, hard work and social duty. These values are deeply ingrained in him and have had a significant impact on his life. Despite not having a lot of money to spare in the early years, the family sent money back to their ancestral village in China throughout their lives.

Snippets of Bob's childhood was captured in a historical project led by UBC historian Henry Yu: "Chinese Canadian Stories: Uncommon Histories from a Common Past." In a video, Bob tells how his father worked days in a greenhouse and nights at a restaurant before owning a store. "We saw our dad for two hours a week for 12 years," Bob says. "I never went for a haircut until I was 18 because he cut our hair with a rice bowl."

When Bob was young, he was not an exceptional student. Fairly early on, Bob took an interest in the real estate market and discussed his ideas with his father, and his desire to start a business on his own. He pulled up his grades and was accepted by the University of British Columbia, graduating in 1956 with a Bachelor of Commerce degree.

After graduating from UBC, Bob worked for his father initially but

soon ventured out on his own and founded a successful real estate business, building a strong real estate presence on the Canadian West coast and the United States.

In the 1960s, riots and fear of a Communist China over take in Hong Kong spurred many wealthy Hong Kong Chinese to Vancouver. Many of these prospective investors were referred to Bob because he spoke Cantonese. “I thanked my father for making me go to Chinese school for 12 years,” Bob once said. “The first building I sold was the biggest apartment building in the West End; it had 263 suites,” he was quoted in the May 2014 Trek Magazine. “I showed my father my commission cheque. It was ten times my annual salary, and he said, ‘You are in the right business.’”

In 1966, he co-founded Wall Financial Corporation, and in 1979 branched out on his own to found Prospero International Realty Inc., investing in a diverse portfolio of real estate, including commercial and industrial properties.

Bob was devoted to his alma mater and spent a significant amount of time and resources giving back to the university. He served on the UBC Board of Governors from 1984 to 1990, and was elected chancellor in 1993. He was also chair of the UBC Foundation, and honorary chair of UBC’s ‘start an evolution’ campaign which raised more than \$1.6 billion and engaged 130,000 alumni in support of transformative education, groundbreaking research and community education. In 2006 UBC established the Robert H. Lee Graduate School at the Sauder School of Business in recognition of Bob and

his family’s contribution to support graduate business education, and the university named the Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre, which opened in 2015, in his honour.

The greatest of Bob’s many contributions to UBC, and the one of which he is most proud, is the creation of UBC Properties Trust, which he founded in 1988 and where he served as chairman until 2011, and now serves as Chairman Emeritus. The trust was the first in North America to start development of market housing on a university campus on leased land, allowing UBC to maintain ownership of the land while providing a source of external revenue to secure the university’s future. As Founding Chair of the UBC Real Estate Corporation from inception, he was responsible for developing five hundred acres of the university’s endowment lands, which has generated over \$1.6 billion on leased land for endowment, and a projected \$4 billion dollars in perpetuity. Bob’s vision has inspired similar projects at universities everywhere, making this one of the most influential ideas for bolstering education funding around the world.

Over the years, Bob has contributed significantly to the city of Vancouver and the province of British Columbia, and has had an impact on the lives of many. He has set the bar for community involvement through tireless commitment to many organizations, including the Robert & Lily Lee Family Community Health Centre and the VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation. The Robert Lee YMCA in downtown Vancouver carries his name due to his generosity and strong belief in the organization. Bob himself was

a member of the YMCA for over 45 years. In 2017, Bob became the honorary Chair of YMCA's What Really Matters \$140 million capital campaign to serve 200,000 more people by creating four new centres of community in Surrey, Vancouver, Coquitlam, and Chilliwack. Bob is past director of numerous companies, the most notable being Wall Financial Corporation, B.C. Telephone Co. (Telus), Crown Life Insurance Corp., and CN Railway. Additionally, he is a past trustee of Bank of British Columbia, and past director of the Real Estate Institute of Canada, Vancouver Foundation, B.C. Paraplegic Foundation and of the Port Authority of Vancouver.

Bob's dedication to his community has been recognized on many occasions. He was awarded the Order of Canada in 1999 and the Order of British Columbia in 1990. In 1990 he was also named Businessman of the Year. This honour was bestowed on him by a panel of Chinese-Canadian businessmen and the Vancouver Board of Trade. In 1996, UBC awarded Bob an Honorary Doctorate of Laws. Bob also received numerous awards over the years from a variety of organizations. He received the 2008 Pacific Lifetime Achievement Award from Ernest & Young, and in 2010 was inducted into the Business Laureates of British Columbia Hall of Fame.

Bob credits his wife Lily with holding the family together and managing a tight budget through the lean years. They have four children. In two generations, they have gone from being penniless to creating a family dynasty and a legend. Passing on the traditional

Confucian values of modesty, industriousness and social duty through generations, the Lee family has risen up to overcome challenges, and make a difference to Canada and the world, making it a better place to live.