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國際知名企業家 以創新多元的融合觀 築商業機遇的越洋橋 建影響深遠之傳媒國

高瞻遠矚的馮永發博士於八十年代創立新時代集團，現任集團主席兼行政總裁。他以國際視野帶領集團融合有序多元發展，成為加國最具成就的跨國公司之一，投資組合逾6億元，並成功搭建連繫北美洲和亞洲之無形橋樑，製造無數跨地域跨文化的機遇。馮氏的傳媒王國以文化共融和社會參與為念，為全國華人社區及多元文化作出重要貢獻，影響深遠。

巨人父親 啟迪人生 一視同仁

馮永發是馮景禧（新鴻基地產創始人之一）的長子，1950年生於香港。因家族顯赫，令人以為他是含金鎖匙出世的公子哥兒，但原來兒時歲月艱苦困乏。他說：「朋友奇怪我怎會帶他們到上環永吉街小巷的一間懷舊私房菜晚飯，因那是先父發跡的地方，單位日間是父母親和十多位員工的辦公室，晚上大家把椅子疊在辦公桌上，才有空間開摺床睡覺。單位太細，我和弟弟唯有在單位下面的樓梯底睡帆布床。」憶當年捱窮的日子，他視之為上天的恩賜，因更懂珍惜現有的一切。

祖籍南海曾住廣州的馮景禧，因抗日戰爭期間廣州淪陷，他於1938年游水到香港，赤手空拳打天下，多年後與郭得勝和李兆基發展地產，並稱「香港地產三劍俠」，他更是金融界的風雲人物，享「股壇教父」的稱譽。馮父日理萬機總是忙忙忙，父子傾談的機會很少，彌足珍貴。溫文爾雅的馮永發說：「我清楚記得父親的言傳身教：對家人、員工、客戶和合作夥

伴，都要公平。他在北京開會後，與我同行前往飯店時再次提及一視同仁、童叟無欺的重要。我很尊敬父親，他的啟迪正是Fairchild Group命名的源起，也是我待人接物的方式和營商的大原則。」

1967年父母帶全家移民加拿大。其後父母返港繼續事業，他和弟妹留在溫哥華。1973年他於英屬哥倫比亞大學商科畢業。求學期也遇過欺凌，「但不算很嚴重。當時華人很少，與當地人互相不太明白對方」。思考怎樣當橋樑，在年輕時已開始萌芽。畢業後返港加入馮父旗下的證券公司任執行董事，他說：「眼見股票市場大起大落，投機者有時大富大貴有時一貧如洗。那並非我的志趣。」

1975年他戀上在演藝界工作的陳文苓(Amy)，初時馮父有保留，認為二人的生活方式不同；但他無悔地只堅持與善良漂亮的可人兒永不分離，其後馮父委派他到紐約多間金融機構受訓。一對小情人在紐約住了兩年，過着省吃儉用但知足的日子。「這是很好的歷練，而我的堅持也終於得到父親認同。」他與Amy在香港結婚，誕下兒子馮尚賢(Joseph)，之後於1984年到溫哥華定居。談起這決定，他說：「當時想起年輕時在溫哥華的簡樸生活，四周都能聽到大自然的聲音，看到美麗的蝴蝶在我種植的花樹間飛舞，又可親手用木做傢俱，全都有美麗的一面，我覺得大自然的治癒力恰恰如此，彷彿在說“做自己就好”。在不完美的現實中看見美，這種張力，讓我嚐到真實的愜意。當疲憊地回到家，身旁一切都很美好，給予我能量去實現心中所想。並不關乎競爭，卻享受每一瞬間。」

歲月神偷 一夜白頭 沉澱參透

馮永發說：「原來真有一夜白頭這回事。」輕描淡寫的一句，形容自己在1986年某個清晨醒來看到的鏡中人。仿似雲淡風輕，其實背後劇力萬鈞！前一年馮父驟逝，當中的打擊震盪和漣漪效應，不足為外人道。父蔭猶在，也有龐大家族事業，餘生做個遊手好閒的二世祖也無不可，但他竟說不。更令人驚訝的是，經深思熟慮後，他沒有回港繼承祖業和家產，卻決定留在加國努力開創自己的新天新地。

敢為天下先 進取有度 力臻完善

新時代集團自創立以來，業務以重視融合和協同效應之特色蓬勃發展，包括媒體、技術、地產、文化、教育、飲食和零售等領域，旗下員工逾1500人。掌舵人馮永發說：「最想挑戰自己幹未有人做的新鮮事。80年代中期，估計97年前來卑詩省的香港移民將會很多，我忽發奇想：何不建造一站式的港式購物商場？以商場為橋，令思鄉的人們心理上縮短與家鄉的距離，或可更快適應新生活。」遂有矚目代表作：於1990年在列治文市開幕的香港仔中心（Aberdeen Centre）。其成功例子令當地港式商場如雨後春筍。

多年後面對新局面他決定將之重建為面積大三倍的國際級購物商場，耗資一億三千萬元。當硬件就緒卻遇上晴天霹靂：原先洽談中的國際品牌竟不進駐，或持觀望態度或開出辣條件。靈活變通借東風：他即穿梭中港日韓台等地，以特許經營模式引入著名品牌，並自行經營多間商店和模擬飛行訓練等。

2004年新商場開幕，他將之易名為時代坊(但沿用英文名稱)，為全球首個以亞洲為主題的購物中心，也是文化娛樂體驗之地，為大溫區居民的生活帶來巨大而美好的變化，成績斐然。偏遠的列治文市得以發展，也源自Aberdeen Centre，當地政府其後更將市中心一帶地區命名為 Aberdeen，其後通車的捷運也設有時代坊站。這正好印證了馮氏的營商哲學：商業發展與社會發展攜手邁進。

創傳媒王國 任重而道遠

曾在紐約大學修讀電影的馮永發，對傳媒和文化創意產業特別重視。他說：「傳媒與民生息息相關，既提供大量資訊娛樂給大眾，相信也有助新移民適應新環境。」新時代集團早於1993年已開始電台廣播，現在溫哥華、多倫多和卡加利共有4條電台廣播頻道，名為加拿大中文電台；1993年收購了國泰電視和加拿大中文電視，易名為新時代電視及城市電視。由於馮氏人脈甚廣，成功邀請香港電視廣播有限公司HKTVB入股，引入多姿多彩的中文電視節目，深受觀眾和廣告客戶歡迎，收購後一年即轉虧為盈，令人嘖嘖稱奇。集團子公司新時代傳媒集團已發展成為加拿大最大的亞裔多元媒體集團之一，透過電視、電台廣播、數位平台和出版刊物，以亞洲電視劇、娛樂綜藝節目、本地製作新聞時事資訊節目等，全方位接觸加國華人；並提供涵蓋23種不同族裔語言的多元文化電台廣播，影響力可謂舉足輕重。

華人家庭的長輩倚靠電視電台，知天下事和過日辰；駕車者駕駛途中聽廣播獲得資訊娛樂；土生土長的後輩看中文電視

節目聽中文歌，潛移默化，講中文和唱中文歌也更流利。新時代傳媒不但令受眾的個人生活更充實，也加強了社區聯繫，並連接不同世代的移民，讓大眾得以在資訊，價值與身份認同之間找到連結；同時藉着放大多元聲音，增進不同族裔之間的了解與融合，在促進全國跨文化對話和理解方面，發揮十分重要的作用。開拓傳媒事業源於30多年前的強烈信念，回顧這信念豐富了加國華人的生活，為全國多元文化貢獻良多，馮永發謙稱只是把心中認為有意義的事，用行動去實踐，並力臻完善。

積極籌款 回饋社會 樂善心寬

由於新時代集團在促進加國、美國和亞洲文化交流及經濟發展的重要角色，加拿大聯邦政府曾委任馮氏為加拿大全球商業部長級策略顧問；英屬哥倫比亞大學於2011年授予榮譽博士學位，以表彰其商業成就和對社區的卓越貢獻。《時代雜誌》於1997年將他評為加拿大最受注目的人物之一；《溫哥華商業雜誌》自2004年起至今，共有16年推選他為「溫哥華50名最具影響力人士」之一。

馮永發為人低調內斂，樂於行善，他擅於採取不同形式積極籌款，歷年來合共籌得6千多萬元，慨贈予加拿大及海外多間醫院和慈善機構，以回饋社會，惠澤社群。



Thomas's father
Fung King Hey



Founders of Sun Hung Kai Properties:
Fung King Hey, Kwok Tak Seng
and Dr. Lee Shau Kee



Baby Joseph with Thomas's parents



Thomas, Amy, Amy's mother and
sister dining with Thomas's parents



Thomas and Amy Fung



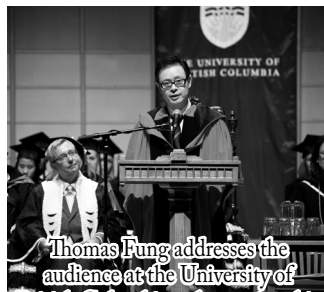
Thomas Fung with the former
Prime Minister Jean Chrétien



Thomas, Amy and Joseph Fung
with the former Prime Minister
Justin Trudeau



Thomas and Amy Fung with
Dr. Lee Shau Kee in 2013



Thomas Fung addresses the
audience at the University of
British Columbia as he receives his
Honorary Doctor of Laws degree
in 2011



Michelle & Joseph's wedding in 2013



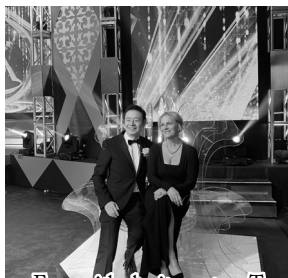
Thomas Fung with Mona Yat-wah Fong,
Lady Shaw in 2014



Aberdeen Centre's Grand Opening in 2004



The Vancouver Board of Trade presents
Thomas Fung with its highest honor: the Spirit of Vancouver Leadership Award in 2008



Thomas Fung with charity partner Terry Pursell (President and CEO of North York General Foundation) at Miss Chinese Toronto Pageant 25th Anniversary Fundraising Gala in 2019



Miss Chinese Vancouver Pageant (organized by Fairchild TV) celebrates 30th Anniversary in 2024



Fairchild TV Celebrates 22nd Anniversary at
All Star Charity Gala in 2015, raising \$1.6M for Vancouver General Hospital & UBC Hospital Foundation



Richmond Hospital Foundation Leadership Award Presentation Ceremony in 2016



Richmond Hospital Fundraising Event at Thomas Fung's residence in 2024



Thomas and Amy Fung with successful bidder
at Fundraising Garden Party's painting auction in 2024

Visionary Entrepreneur and Steadfast Media Empire Builder — Dr. Thomas Fung

Dr. Thomas Fung established the Fairchild Group in the 1980s and currently serves as its Chairman and CEO. His belief in multiculturalism and collaboration has enabled the group to flourish into one of Canada's most successful multinational corporations, with an investment portfolio exceeding \$600 million. The group's subsidiary, Fairchild Media, is one of Canada's largest Asian multimedia groups. By amplifying diverse voices and connecting generations of immigrants, it has played a vital role in strengthening community ties and fostering intercultural understanding across the country.

Dr. Fung exemplifies leadership guided by vision and values. His legacy is measured not only by financial milestones, but also by the bridges he has built between East and West, commerce and community, and tradition and innovation. Through creating numerous cross-cultural and cross-regional opportunities and steadfastly building his media empire, he has made profound contributions to the Chinese Canadian community and to multiculturalism in Canada.

A Giant Father, Inspiring Teachings

Thomas was born in Hong Kong in 1950. He is the eldest son of the late Fung King Hey, one of the founders of the Sun Hung Kai property conglomerate. Due to his family's prominence, many assumed he was born with a silver spoon in his mouth, but that was not the case.

“Friends were surprised that I would take them to a private kitchen in a small alley on Wing Kut Street in Sheung Wan for dinner; that was where my father began building his business. During the day, the unit served as the office for my parents and a dozen employees. At

night, everyone stacked chairs on the desks to create space for sleeping on folding beds. The unit was too small, so my younger brother and I had to sleep on canvas beds under the stairwell.” Recalling those impoverished days, he considers them a great gift from heaven, as they taught him to cherish everything he has.

Fung King Hey, whose ancestral home was in Nanhai and who once lived in Guangzhou, swam across a river to Hong Kong in 1938 after Guangzhou fell to the Japanese during the war. He built his wealth from scratch, and years later, together with Kwok Tak Seng and Lee Shau Kee, developed major real estate ventures and became known as the “Three Musketeers.” As a revered financier, he was hailed as the “Godfather of Stocks.”

Thomas’s father was always very busy, and conversations between father and son were rare, making them all the more precious. Thomas recalls: “I remember my father’s teachings well: Be fair to family members, employees, customers, and partners. I deeply respect my father. The name ‘Fairchild Group’ was inspired by his teachings, and fairness remains the guiding principle in the way I conduct business and treat people.”

In 1967, his parents immigrated to Canada with the entire family. His parents later returned to Hong Kong to continue their business, while he and his siblings remained in Vancouver. He graduated from the University of British Columbia with a degree in business in 1973.

He experienced some bullying during those early years. “But it wasn’t very serious. There were very few Chinese people at the time. We and the local students didn’t really understand each other, and my mission has always been to bridge that gap.”

After graduation, he returned to Hong Kong and joined his father’s securities company as an executive director.

“I witnessed the dramatic ups and downs of the stock market — how speculators could become incredibly wealthy one day and penniless the next. That was never my ambition,” he says.

In 1975, he met Amy Chan, who was then an artiste. Initially, his father had reservations, believing their lifestyles were too different. However, Thomas remained steadfast in his commitment to the kind and beautiful woman he loved. Later, his father sent him to New York for training at several financial institutions. The young couple lived there for two years, leading a frugal yet contented life. “It was a great experience, and my persistence finally earned my father’s approval.”

He later married Amy in Hong Kong. When their son Joseph was two years old, the family settled in Vancouver in 1984. Reflecting on this decision, he says: “Looking back on my simple life in Vancouver when I was young, surrounded by the beauty of nature, I was connected to nature’s healing power, as though it were saying, ‘Just be yourself.’ Seeing beauty in an imperfect reality allowed me to experience true comfort. Whenever I returned home exhausted, everything around me was beautiful and gave me the energy to pursue my goals. Life wasn’t about competition, but about appreciating every moment.”

Visionary Trailblazer

“So it really is possible for hair to turn gray overnight,” Thomas once remarked, recalling the reflection he saw in the mirror one morning in 1986, the year after his father passed away.

The comment may have sounded casual, but it carried immense emotional weight. The shock and aftermath were beyond words. With his father’s legacy intact and a vast family business before him, he could easily have lived as a carefree heir for the rest of his life — but that was not the path he chose.

Even more remarkably, after careful consideration, he decided not to return to Hong Kong to inherit the family business and assets. Instead, he chose to remain in Canada to forge his own path and pursue his own dreams.

Thomas transformed an ambitious idea from the 1980s into one of Canada's most dynamic and influential multinational enterprises, spanning media, technology, real estate, culture, education, food and beverage, and retail, with more than 1,500 employees.

"I always wanted to challenge myself by doing something new. Four decades ago, anticipating a large influx of Hong Kong immigrants to British Columbia, I came up with a new idea: why not build a one-stop Hong Kong-style shopping mall?" he recalls.

This vision led to Aberdeen Centre in Richmond, which opened in 1990. Its success inspired the establishment of many Hong Kong-style shopping malls throughout the region. Years later, Thomas decided to redevelop Aberdeen Centre into an international-class shopping complex three times its original size, at a cost of \$130 million.

However, having the hardware in place did not guarantee smooth sailing. International brands that had been negotiating with him withdrew, either adopting a wait-and-see attitude or imposing demanding conditions.

Thomas seized the opportunity to turn the situation around. He traveled to China, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan, introducing renowned brands through franchise partnerships while independently operating multiple stores and flight simulators.

When the new Aberdeen Centre opened in 2004, it became the world's first Asian-themed shopping centre and a hub for cultural and entertainment experiences. It brought tremendous positive change to

residents throughout the Greater Vancouver area.

The development of Richmond itself was closely tied to Aberdeen Centre. The local government later named the downtown area “Aberdeen,” and the SkyTrain station built afterward was also named Aberdeen Station.

This perfectly illustrates Thomas’s business philosophy: commercial expansion and social development can go hand in hand.

Building a Media Empire

“Media is closely connected to people’s lives, providing information and entertainment to the public. I also believe it helps new immigrants adapt to their new environment,” Thomas says.

The Fairchild Group began radio broadcasting as early as 1993 and now operates four radio channels in Vancouver, Toronto, and Calgary, all operating under the name Fairchild Radio.

In 1993, the group acquired Cathay Television and Chinavision, renaming them Fairchild Television and Talentvision, respectively. Thomas successfully invited Hong Kong Television Broadcasts (HK-TVB), the largest Cantonese TV content producer in the world to invest, introducing a diverse range of Chinese television programming that proved immensely popular with viewers and advertisers alike. The company became profitable within a year of the acquisition.

The group’s subsidiary, Fairchild Media, has since developed into one of Canada’s largest Asian multimedia groups, serving Chinese Canadians through TV, radio, publication and social media. Its programming includes Asian dramas, entertainment shows, and locally produced news and current affairs programs. It also provides multicultural radio programming in 23 different languages.

Fairchild Media not only enriches the personal lives of its audience, but also helps Chinese Canadians across generations find connections through shared information, values, and identity. By amplifying diverse voices, it promotes integration among different ethnic communities and plays a significant role in advancing cross-cultural dialogue and understanding nationwide, and with lasting impact.

All of this stemmed from a strong belief formed more than three decades ago. Thomas humbly says that he is simply putting his beliefs into action while striving for excellence along the way.

Giving Spirit

Thomas's impact extends far beyond business achievements into public service and international recognition.

In acknowledgment of his contributions to cultural exchange and economic development across Canada, the United States, and Asia, Canada's federal government appointed him as a ministerial strategic advisor on global commerce.

In 2011, the University of British Columbia conferred upon him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in recognition of both his accomplishments and his contributions to the community.

TIME magazine named him one of Canada's most prominent figures in 1997. Vancouver Magazine has also recognized him as one of the "Vancouver Power 50" for 16 years since 2004.

With an unwavering commitment to giving back, Thomas is also a dedicated philanthropist who has spent many years raising funds for hospitals and charitable organizations in Canada and overseas, contributing funds totaling \$60 million.