

Obituary

Mr. Robert Hung Ngai Ho, C.M., O.B.C., philanthropist, patron of contemporary Buddhism, newspaper journalist and editor, son of General Ho Shai Lai and grandson of Sir Robert Ho Tung, passed away peacefully in Vancouver, Canada on November 30, 2025, at the age of 93.



Mr. Ho was born in Hong Kong. His early years were interrupted by the war and he spent several years in south western China. After the war, Mr. Ho returned to Hong Kong to complete his secondary school education at Lingnan College. He then furthered his studies at Colgate University and at Columbia University Journalism School.

Mr. Ho returned to Hong Kong to be involved in various businesses. However, his callings were in journalism and serving society. As a journalist he led the Kung Sheung Daily and Evening Newspapers and served as Chairman of the Newspaper Society of Hong Kong, with an agenda for global exchange and social responsibility in journalism. During this time he was also Chairman of the Hong Kong Community Chest and Tung Lin Kok Yuen Hong Kong and a trustee of Lingnan College. Later on in life he established Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada, the Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation, and the online journal Buddhistdoor Global.

Continuing the legacy of his family's philanthropy and guided by one of his mottos, "Before you can receive, you must learn to give," Mr. Ho's philanthropic work through his Foundation focused on two areas; Buddhism and cultural heritage. With Buddhism it was to make relevant Buddhist wisdom and practice to contemporary society and life, supporting Buddhist studies at various universities in Hong Kong and North America. On the cultural side, it was bringing Chinese Arts to the western audiences, sponsoring exhibitions and cultural events worldwide.

In Vancouver, where he resided for more than 30 years, Mr. Ho gave generously to the Vancouver General and the Lions Gate Hospitals supporting medical research, mental health services, professional development, and palliative care programs.

Another of Mr. Ho's motto, "When drinking water, remember its source", inspired his many donations to his alma mater, Colgate University, including the school's state-of-the-art Interdisciplinary Science Center.

Mr. Ho was appointed a Justice of the Peace by the Hong Kong Government. He was awarded honorary degrees from universities in Hong Kong, the United States, and Canada. His contribution to Canada was recognized through his appointment to the Order of British Columbia and the Order of Canada. He was deeply respected by his fellow citizens; and the impact of his work will continue to reverberate across generations. He will be sorely missed by his friends and family.

Mr. Ho is survived by his wife Greta, his children Robert and Kevin, his daughter-in-law Raquel, and his five grandchildren Robert Damian, Lachlan, Kiara, Madeleine and Theodore.