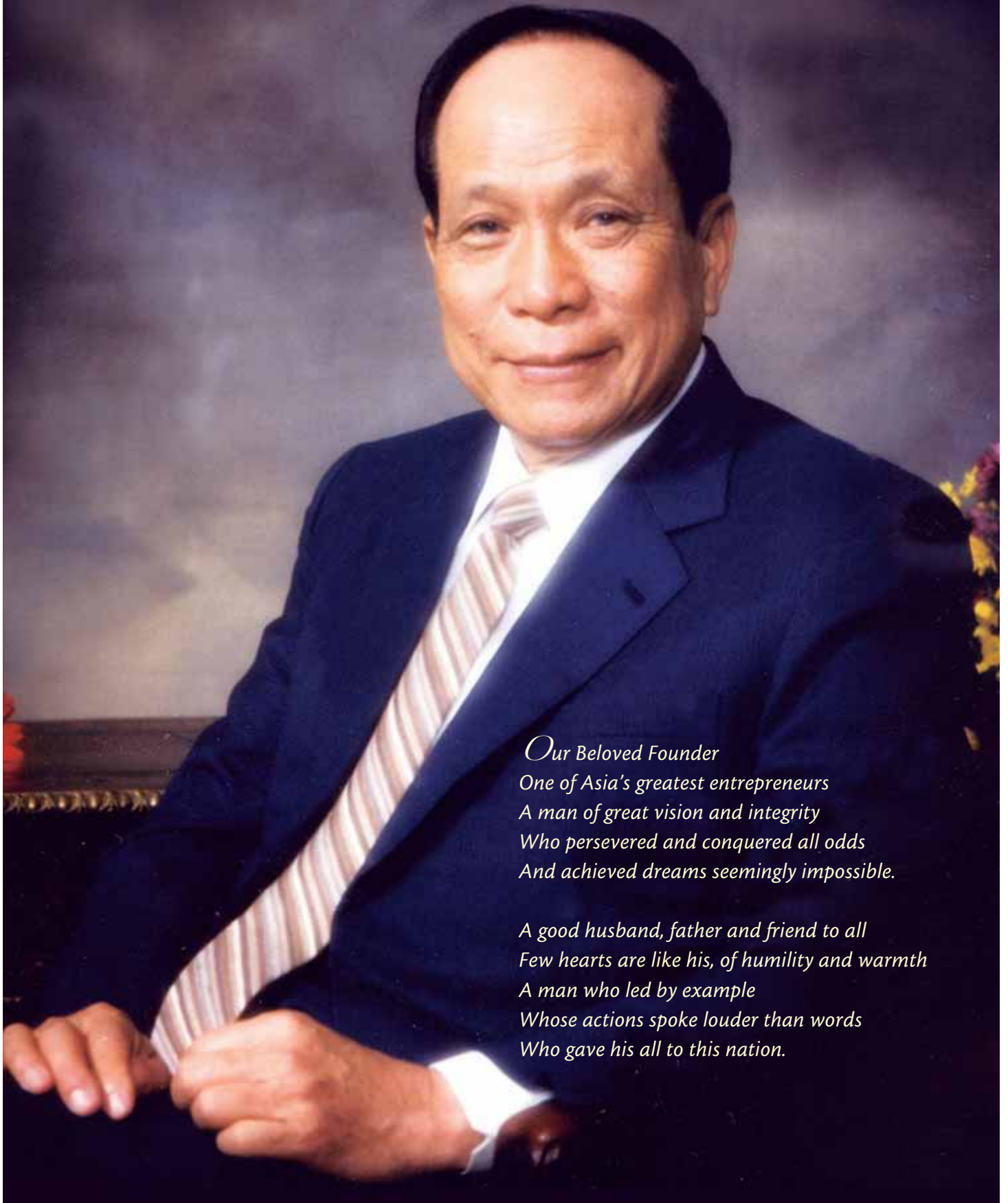


T R I B U T E



*Our Beloved Founder
One of Asia's greatest entrepreneurs
A man of great vision and integrity
Who persevered and conquered all odds
And achieved dreams seemingly impossible.*

*A good husband, father and friend to all
Few hearts are like his, of humility and warmth
A man who led by example
Whose actions spoke louder than words
Who gave his all to this nation.*

TAN SRI (DR.) LIM GOH TONG

28 February 1918 – 23 October 2007

The story of Lim Goh Tong, founder of the Genting Group, is a unique, inspiring Malaysian success story. He arrived in Malaysia in 1937 as a penniless young man without any tertiary education and went on to create the Genting Group – one of Asia's leading conglomerates.

He was often named amongst the world's most successful Asian entrepreneurs. To many, he was the legend who at the age of 47, embarked on a vision of turning a remote mountain into today's highly successful Genting Highlands Resort – Malaysia's premier tourist destination.

His life story and values are an inspiration to all. He dared to dream dreams and had the courage and conviction to turn them into reality. He did not study beyond primary school, yet was fearless in turning life's challenges into opportunities. His distinct entrepreneurial style blended street savvy with well-timed risk-taking and relentless hands-on management. He had a huge appetite for work, vacation was not in his vocabulary. But above all, he was extremely humble, often addressing himself as a simple traditional Chinese businessman.

Lim was born in 1918 in Anxi in China's southern Fujian province. He was the fifth child and second son of a vegetable-seed trader. When his father died, 16-year-old Lim left school and took over the trading business, hawking his goods along country roads.

Determined to support his mother and siblings financially, at 19 he ventured to work in Malaya. Starting as a carpenter, he went on to trade in used equipment and machinery, investing profits earned into small-scale mining ventures and plantations. Eventually, he established his own construction company called 'Kien Huat' and through dedication and hard work became a successful Class A contractor, completing many major public infrastructure projects.

After Malaysia's independence, he was awarded the contract to build the country's first dam – the RM12 million Ayer Itam Dam in Penang. His other major projects included the RM5.2 million Sultan Yahya Petra Bridge in Kota Bharu, the RM20 million Hydroelectric Power Project in Cameron Highlands and the RM54 million Kemubu Irrigation Scheme.

In 1964, while working in Cameron Highlands, he was inspired to build a highland resort for everyone to enjoy the cool mountain air. He identified Gunung Ulu Kali, a 1,800-metre high mountain plateau overlooking the country's capital, Kuala Lumpur, straddling the border between the states of Selangor and Pahang.

Many regarded this vision as an impossible dream, especially at a time when he could afford to retire comfortably. "The Genting project fitted my idea of an ideal business: Nobody else was interested in it," Lim wrote in his autobiography. Undeterred, he ploughed all his savings into turning his dream resort into reality. His humility, determination and proven track record as a contractor won the confidence of the authorities who approved his application to acquire and develop 6,000 hectares of land for the project.

On 8 August 1965, he began constructing the access road to the summit of Mount Ulu Kali through the dense tropical rainforest and rugged mountainous terrain. He devoted all his time, money and resources, even risking his life several times to complete this crucial access road within three years, instead of the original six-year target.

On 31 March 1969, when the foundation stone for the first hotel was laid, Malaysia's first Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra said the Government would consider a casino licence to further develop tourism in this remote area. On 28 April 1969, Malaysia granted its first and only casino licence to Genting.

On 8 May 1971, Genting Highlands Resort opened for business and became a great success story. Today, it is Malaysia's premier integrated resort and tourist destination attracting 19.6 million visitors in 2007. A vibrant 'City of Entertainment' – it offers six hotels (including the world's largest hotel) with hotel rooms, exhilarating fun rides, superb dining and shopping experiences, mega shows and international convention facilities.

From the humble beginnings of a 38-room hotel, Lim developed his Genting Group into a global empire spanning resorts, cruise ships, plantations, power generation and oil and gas exploration and production. The Genting Group is now known as one of Asia's leading and best-managed conglomerates. In the US, Lim bankrolled the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe in Connecticut to create one of the world's largest casino complexes, Foxwoods Resort Casino.

Lim retired on 31 December 2003 at age 85, handing over the reigns to his second son Kok Thay. After retiring, Lim spent most of his time at a villa he built in Gohtong Jaya, a township at the foothills of his beloved Genting Highlands.

A well-known philanthropist, he gave generously to the community through the Genting Group and Yayasan Lim, a family foundation established in 1978. He built the Chin Swee temple to honour the deity who inspired him to complete the access road to the peak of Mount Ulu Kali. For his contributions to the national economy and society, he was bestowed the title of "Tan Sri" by HM the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in 1979 and an Honorary Doctorate of Entrepreneurship from University of Tunku Abdul Rahman in 2005.

Tan Sri (Dr.) Lim married Puan Sri Lee Kim Hua in 1944. They were blessed with six children (three sons and three daughters) and 19 grandchildren.

He passed away peacefully on 23 October 2007 and was laid to rest on 29 October 2007, after a week-long wake attended by his beloved family, friends, associates and dignitaries from all over the world.

His honesty, humility and wisdom will be deeply missed. His remarkable legacy lives on.

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