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## THE LATE Mr. KWOK SIU LAU.

The late Mr. Kwok Siu Lau, a native of Samshui, Kwangtung, was born in Hongkong in 1859 and received his early education here.

At the early age of 17, the late Mr. Kwok started his business career. He held positions in Canton and Manila. In 1894, when the Banque de l'Indochine opened its branch here, he was elected the first compradore, and remained with the Bank as such until 1906. He continued to stand surety, but retired from active work. In 1929, his son, Kwok Chan succeeded as compradore. His connection with the bank lasted forty odd years.

After his retirement, he devoted much time for philanthropic work and public activities. He also travelled intensively, and rand made visits to all parts of the world.

He was a member of the Committee of the Tung Wah Hospital thirty edd years ago, and the committee of the Po Leung Kuk. He held the position of Chairman of the committee of the Po Leung Kuk on two occasions, and was nominated Justice of the Peace and also permanent director of the Institution.

In the cause of education, the late Mr. Kwok donated large sums for the erection of the Kwok Siu Lau Hall in the St. Stephen's Girls' College, and the founding of the Chair of Biology in the University of Hongkong.

He also devoted much attention to matters in Samshui, and helped largely to the Hospitals there. He also purchased the present site of the Samshui Chamber of Commerce in Hongkong and gave it to the Chamber.

He was a member of the Court of the Hongkong University; a member of the Committee of the Cluuch Missionary Society Associated Schools member of the Committee of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals; Finance Committee of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade and Association; Finance committee of the Hongkong Police Reserve (Chinese Company); Advisor to the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong; Permanent President of the Saushui Chamber of Commerce and Committee member of the Society for the Protection of Children.

He was awarded the Certificate of Honour by the Government of Hong Kong, and the "Officer du Dragon D'Annam" by the Indochina Government. He was a member of the Septuagenarians, and died in June 1936 at the age of 78.