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The late Mr. Chan Yam Kwok was a native of Toishan District, Kwangtung Province, born in 1861. He acquired his education at his native village and when he was eighteen mars of age he worked in a Chinese drug store in his neighboring town. Three years later, he transferred to anone alon and again he remained for three years.

Then he crossed the oceans and proceeded to America, where he worked in the Chee Chung Wo Chinese Drug Store, San Francisco, California. He stayed in the post for six years and when he had accuminated sufficient means to be independent, he established the Po Chi Tong, which was also dealing in Chinese drugs. Its experience and business acumen enabled him to become prosperous in the shortest span of time.

Mr. Chan was a faithful nationalist. He had helped a great deal in building of the Chinese Republic. He was an intimate friend of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen and had for several times assisted the latter in revolutions. After the Republic of China was firmly established, Mr. Chan did not boast for his merits but ran on his business as usual.

Then he came to Hongkong and devoted himself to the commercial field. He initiated the Luk Hoi-Tung & Co., Ltd.; the Luk Hoi Tung Life Assurance Co., Ltd., the Luk Hoi Tung Hotel and Restaurant; the Luk Hoi Tong Dispensary; the Luk Kwok Hotel; and the Nathan Hotel.

Besides the above mentioned, he was also director of the Shanghai Fire and Marine Insurance Co., Ltd. He contributed a large sum of money to the lublic Hospital in Canton and the Chik Ching School in his native town.

Married at twenty, Mr. Chan had a couple of son and a daughter. He died in 1936, with a ripe old age of seventy - five and to the mournfulness of most people of the Chinese community.