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## Belief in harmony

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**Mr Lau Tat-chuen, Director of Sino International Industrial Limited and founder of Tang Tat Home for Elderly, loves golf. He enjoys the challenges that the game presents, particularly how golfers should move on after playing a shot and not look back with regret.**

"Just like in life, a round of golf has its ups and downs along the fairway," Mr Lau says.

"You not only need a superb technique for swinging the club, but also patience and excellent concentration. These qualities are also required for running health and caring services for the elderly," he says. "Running a home for the elderly requires attentiveness at all times, loving care and selfless devotion, and striving for the best."

Mr Lau started his business 20 years ago at a time when the government was beginning to introduce measures to improve care for the elderly. He was the youngest entrepreneur in Hong Kong to initiate innovations in the sector.

"I actively took part in discussions for a new licensing system introduced by the Department of Social Welfare, and I advocated improving the sector by providing more professional services," he recalls.

His business operates smoothly but he wants to improve even further through innovative management. That's why he took time to study for an Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA).

Mr Lau strongly believes education can change one's destiny and advance the world, which is

why he argues that universities need financial support from entrepreneurs if they are to nurture innovative technology and talent.

He supports CityU's emphasis on innovation, and appreciates the University's efforts to respond to social needs through problem-oriented research. Last year, he supported the "Community Nurses-Satellite Distribution" project launched by Professor Frank Chen Youhua, Head of the Department of Management Sciences. The project uses a "Heat Map" to highlight the distribution of seniors with health problems in Central Kowloon. The research helps Queen Elizabeth Hospital deploy limited health-care resources more effectively.

A tour of renowned universities in the US when looking for a suitable degree programme for one of his sons convinced Mr Lau of CityU's potential.

"CityU's president, management and faculty members have an international vision," he says.

Since globalisation is a prevalent trend today, Mr Lau's international exchange scholarship sponsors students with financial needs to take part

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in overseas exchange programmes in order to help them develop a global vision.

Mr Lau's generosity of spirit stems from family tradition. Born in a remote mountain village in Fujian, he saw how his grandfather warmly treated relatives and friends and even helped strangers who had lost their way.

"My grandfather often reminded me that giving is more rewarding than receiving. Therefore, I believe that the university students I help will gain a greater sense of what it means for a society to support people. Hopefully, this will encourage them to contribute to society later in life. By passing on this kind of loving care, we can achieve greater harmony."

Although he has faced lots of problems since starting his business, Mr Lau firmly upholds his faith in three factors for success: integrity, perseverance and optimism. He suggests that young people should have the courage and confidence in themselves to take on challenges. As long as they persevere, no problem will remain unsolvable. ●

香港華創國際實業(集團)有限公司董事長兼騰達護老中心創辦人劉達泉先生熱愛高爾夫球,尤其享受當中只能前進不能後悔的挑戰。

他說:「球道猶如人生的高低起伏,每一下揮桿不僅講究精湛的技術,還要求耐性及極好的專注力。這些質素,又恰好與經營醫療及安老行業呼應。經營護老中心還需要每刻都講究細心呵護,要求愛心及無私奉獻的精神,並追求至善至美。」

劉先生20年前投身安老事業,適值政府改革安老服務,當時行內數他年紀最輕、最敢創新。他回憶說:「我積極參與社會福利署有關新發牌制度的討論,主張以專業服務提高行業質素。」今天他的事業已上軌道,仍好學不倦,修讀行政人員工商管理碩士課程,期望以創新管理思維令企業更上一層樓。

劉先生深信,知識改變命運,也能推動世界進步。無論是創新技術或優秀人才都靠大學培育,但大學也需要社會賢達的支持才可實現目標。他欣賞城大致力創新,並以問題導向式研究回應社會需求。

去年,他捐助管理科學系系主任陳友華教授及其團隊的「社區護士·衛星分佈」先導計劃。該計劃透過「熱圖」方式呈現九龍中各區有健康風險的長者分佈,協助伊利沙伯醫院有效規劃其衛星式社區醫護站點分配,以充分利用有限的醫護資源。

他曾為張羅兒子升學而考察美國多間著名大學,更感受到城大的發展潛力。他說:「城大無論是校長、管理層和教員都具有國際視野。」

全球化是國際大勢,劉先生設立國際交流獎學金,資助有經濟需要的城大學生參加海外交流,拓展國際視野。他對教育慷慨解囊,實源於劉氏家訓。他生於福建一條偏遠山村,自幼目睹祖父熱情招待親朋,向迷路的陌生人亦施以援手。他說:「祖父常教我施比受更有福。今天我幫大學生一把,使他們感受到社會的支持,或可鼓勵他們日後回饋社會。這樣傳承愛心,世界才會變得更和諧美好。」

創業至今,劉先生遇上不少風浪,但他堅信成功的三大要素是誠信、堅持、樂觀。他寄語年輕人不要妄自菲薄,應無懼挑戰,只要堅持不懈則不畏事不成。 ●

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