新大李嘉诚图书馆开幕

在瑞卿助下，李嘉诚（左四）与内阁资政李光耀（左三）共同为图书馆主持开幕仪式。在旁观礼的是新大名誉校长胡赐道博士（左起）、教育部部长尚达曼和新大主席何光平。

香港富豪李嘉诚昨天中午出席在新加坡管理大学校园，为他捐献巨款设立以他名字命名的图书馆开幕。内阁资政李光耀也亲临会场与他共同主持仪式。

李嘉诚于2002年捐资1950万元给新大，是本地大学有史以来收到的最大一笔捐款；其中1500万元便用来设立“李嘉诚图书馆”。

新落成的图书馆大楼高五层楼，拥有先进设施和丰富资源。李嘉诚以一篇题为《在形与实之间》的演讲指出，培育有责任感的公民是我们当今面对的最主要挑战。他说：“这些闪着独孤信念、创意及胸怀大志的年轻学生，对自身和世界应更具深刻责任感，爱护个人及社会的共同尊严。”

李嘉诚相信，形态固然重要，但更重要的是情操的本质。“正如这所新落成的图书馆大楼，在这浩瀚无涯的知识汪洋中，如果有更多人去探索真我是什么，我们又是什么，以及我们未来的路向，那大厦的躯壳便有了美丽的灵魂。”

李嘉诚是李嘉诚基金与和记黄埔（Hutchison Whampoa）主席，也是《福布斯》今年刚公布的香港、澳门和台湾40富豪排行榜，李嘉诚高居榜首。

李资政：社会需要
热心教育企业家

新大将把李嘉诚捐款中的450万元，用于设立“李嘉诚奖学金”，资助8名中国和香港学生到新大深造。

内阁资政李光耀在词中也表示，社会需要优秀的企业领袖，以及一批热心教育事业，致力于发挥“取诸社会，用诸社会”精神，并以造福后代为己任的人。

李资政说，李嘉诚便是这样一个例子，他对于教育的价值坚信不移，并为公益慷慨解囊。“李博士的捐赠，说明了乐善好施精神和企业的支持对新加坡高等教育的重要性。唯有得到这样的资助，新加坡高等院校才能像美国大学一样，更具备独立性，从而成为卓越的学术中心。”

李嘉诚图书馆位于新大校园内的中心地，宗旨是成为资讯创新、开发与管理的中心，除了服务新大学生，也服务教育社群与公众。公司企业可缴付700元成为会员，让职员利用图书馆设施。图书馆设有咖啡厅、24小时开放的阅读室和无线上网设备。
Hong Kong tycoon Dr Li Ka Shing was at the Singapore Management University yesterday afternoon for the official opening of the Li Ka Shing Library which was named after him in appreciation of his donation.

In 2002, Dr Li donated S$19.5 million to SMU, the largest contribution ever made to a Singapore university at that time, of which S$15 million went towards the setting up of the Li Ka Shing Library.

The new five-storey library has modern technological facilities and a wealth of collection. In his speech entitled "Between Form and Substance", Dr Li said that the challenge today is to produce responsible citizens. "Thinking, innovative and inspired men and women who feel a deeper sense of responsibility and public duty towards their world and beyond and care as much for individual dignity as for society's collective honour," he said.

Dr Li believes that while form is important, substance is all the more important. "I believe that this new library structure would find its beautiful soul if it inspires us to seek who we are, who we all are and where we shall be," said Dr Li.

Dr Li is chairman of the Li Ka Shing Foundation as well as Hutchison Whampoa Limited. Dr Li tops the list of the 40 wealthiest tycoons in Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan according to a recently released ranking by Forbes.

MM Lee: Society needs good corporate leaders

SMU will set aside S$4.5 million towards a Li Ka Shing Scholarship Programme to support eight students from Hong Kong and China to study in SMU.

Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew said in his speech that society needs good corporate leaders, people from the private sector driven by a strong passion for education, to give back to the community what they had gained from it, and by a sense of responsibility to future generations.

MM Lee cited Dr Li Ka Shing as an example of such a person who is a firm believer in the value of education and has been generous in his donations. "Dr Li's donation underscores the importance of philanthropy and corporate support that our institutions of higher learning will need in order to become more independent like US universities and become centres of excellence," MM Lee said.

The Li Ka Shing Library is located in the heart of the SMU city campus and is poised to become the unified centre for information creation, discovery and management. Besides serving SMU students, the library will also serve the educational community and the public. Companies can pay S$700 to become corporate members and their staff can use the library and its facilities. The library has a café, a 24-hour reading room and wireless Internet connection.