SINGAPORE: The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, one of the top public policy schools in the region, has been given a S$100m gift.

The money came from Hong Kong philanthropist Dr Li Ka Shing.

This is not the first time the Hong Kong businessman has donated to a university in Singapore.

But the S$100m contribution to the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy is Dr Li's largest to an educational institution in Singapore.

It is also among the largest single gifts received by the National University of Singapore, matching the S$100m awarded by the Yong Loo Lin Trust to the Medicine Faculty two years ago.

Dr Li's donation will be matched by a dollar-for-dollar grant from the Singapore government.

An endowment fund will be created, of which a large portion will go towards professorships and scholarships for students from the region and Singapore.

Kishore Mahbubani, Dean of LKY School of Public Policy, said: "With this $200m endowment fund, we can do a lot to grow and develop the School, especially in terms of being able to hand out more than 40 scholarships annually to students from China, Hong Kong, Southeast Asia, India and other countries in the region too."

The School currently has over 160 students, three-quarters of whom are international students. 42 come from Singapore and 47 hail from Southeast Asia. - CNA/ir