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与癌症搏斗三年

前新大副校长 坐着轮椅教课

● 前日逝世 · 享年64岁



前新大副校长陈德明教授在患癌期间，仍坚持坐轮椅教学。

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前新大副校长陈德明教授患肺癌3年，积极面对人生，甚至坐轮椅也坚持要到学校教学，让学生动容。

新加坡管理大学创办人之一陈德明教授前日逝世，享年64岁。

他的儿子在停柩处受访时说，父亲是新大的第一个职员，在创立新大的过程中扮演举足轻重的角色。在98年，他担任新大的第一任教务长和副校长，随后在会计系任教。

他说，父亲的教学风格幽默风趣，富有个人魅力，并会用真实生活的例子解释原理，让学生受启发。因此，他的课程总是有很多学生争着上。

父亲在3年前被诊断出患肺癌，3年来一直积极抗癌。

“就算在病重承受痛苦时，他为了不让家人担心，总是表现得很坚强。”

他病重时变得较虚弱，必须靠轮椅代步，但他还是坚持坐轮椅回学校教课，让学生十分感动。即使到了再也无法教学的期间，他还是会尽量回学校看看，始终对学校充满热忱。



热心公益 曾获奖章

陈德明曾以父母和自己的名义，设立2个奖学金，帮助贫困学生。他碰到有经济困难的学生时，也会自掏腰包帮助他们，并从不让人知道。

除此之外，陈德明教授也参与不少有利社会的委员会，曾由纳丹总统获颁公共服务奖章。

教授的独子陈德明看着父亲的遗物，满怀感伤。

为独生子 取同样名

教授的儿子，名字是“小陈德明”，和他同名。

儿子说，他有3名姐妹，是家中独子。父亲希望他能继承衣钵，因此为他取名“陈德明

Junior”，即“小陈德明”。

父亲从未给他压力要他学会计，但他受到父亲的影响，也对会计产生兴趣，目前在新大修读会计系。

Translation:

Even though Professor Tan Teck Meng, a former Deputy President of SMU, was fighting lung cancer in the last three years, he faced life bravely and even insisted on conducting lessons in a wheelchair. This had touched many of his students. One of the pioneering founders of SMU, Professor Tan passed away on Thursday morning (July 7) at the age of 64. During an interview with his son at the wake, he said that his father was the first employee of SMU and played a pivotal role in the setting up of SMU. In 1998, Professor Tan was appointed Provost and Deputy President of SMU, and he also taught in the School of Accountancy. The son shared that his father held his own humorous teaching style and charisma, and always used real life cases to illustrate his lessons. As a result, his classes were always very popular. Three years ago, he was diagnosed with lung cancer and had been battling it since. "Despite the pain, he would always appear strong so as not to let his family worry," the son shared. When Professor Tan grew weaker and required the assistance of a wheelchair, he insisted on returning to teach in a wheelchair. Even at the stage when he was no longer able to teach, he would still return regularly to campus, showing his passion for SMU. Professor Tan once set up two scholarships for needy SMU students named after himself and his parents. He had also quietly given to poor students, out of his own pocket. He was also actively involved in many committees to contribute back to society, and once received the Public Service Medal from President SR Nathan. His son is named after himself as Samuel Tan Teck Meng Junior. Samuel has three other sisters, himself being the only son. Professor Tan had hoped that Samuel will carry on in his footsteps, hence giving an identical name to his son. Even though his father was an accounting professor, Samuel never felt pressured into studying accounting. It was the positive influence of his father that Samuel developed an interest in the subject and is currently a graduating student in SMU.