48 Heroes Of Philanthropy

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Bill Gates and Tahir launch their campaign to eradicate polio by 2018.

This is our seventh annual project highlighting the generous and often innovative efforts of the Asia-Pacific region’s most notable givers. We feature biotech entrepreneur Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, who’s working to improve cancer care in India. And, below, we spotlight the 2013 crop of 48 leading philanthropists in the region.

As with every year, some of our altruists have embarked on big projects—funding new departments at universities or launching campaigns to improve the lives of the rural poor. Others aim to make their mark in more targeted ways, paying for holiday homecomings for low-income workers or boosting a city’s library system. Some are billionaires who have built wealthy foundations and are now wrestling with issues of transition. Others are famous singers or actors who are using their star power to promote their favorite causes. All are leaving the region a powerful legacy—whether it’s museums, symphony orchestras, a global project to eradicate polio, rural kindergartens, free health clinics or help for war refugees.

In past years we’ve listed a total of 216 philanthropists. This year four of these previous honorees—Australia’s Andrew Forrest (and his wife, Nicola), India’s Azim Premji, Malaysia’s Vincent Tan and Taiwan’s Samuel Yin—signed the Giving Pledge, an effort by Bill Gates and Warren Buffett to get the world’s richest to give at least half their wealth to philanthropy. They are the first four in the region to sign the pledge. Indonesia’s Tahir hasn’t signed the pledge yet but his foundation did pledge $25 million in April toward an ambitious health-care objective: eradicate polio by 2018. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is matching that amount. The donations are part of a $200 million public-health initiative over five years that will attack infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria and HIV. Each foundation will put up $100 million.
How do we choose these outstanding donors—4 from each of 12 Asia-Pacific countries? The selections are subjective: Figures for contributions aren't always available so a ranking by size of donations isn’t possible. Instead we aim for a mix of people and causes. We also try to identify an entirely new group of philanthropists each year, though a few people here are returning to the list because of a newsworthy donation or project announced in the past year. And we pick only true philanthropists—people who are giving their own money, not their company’s (unless they own most of the company), because donating shareholder funds isn’t charity.

We also don’t list people who work in philanthropy as foundation heads, volunteers and fundraisers but aren’t able to donate sizable sums themselves. They’re crucial to carrying out the projects outlined here, but we want to focus on the people writing the checks. Of course, many people here do several things—they donate their own money while also fundraising and having their company kick in some funds. That’s fine as long as actual philanthropy is behind the effort.

Here is the list, arranged alphabetically by country and by honoree within each country:

**AUSTRALIA**

**Betty Amsden 86**
INVESTOR
Worked as a secretary for 20 years, then developed aged-care homes and invested in real estate and stocks. Has been an active philanthropist for 30 years. Donated $5 million to Melbourne’s Arts Centre to establish the Betty Amsden Arts Education Endowment for Children. In April she made another $1 million pledge to the center over 4 years to fund programs for children. Also supports the Australian Ballet School, Orchestra Victoria and the Royal Women’s Hospital.

**John Grill 67**
CHAIRMAN, WORLEYPARSONS
Gave $20 million to the University of Sydney in October to establish a center for training senior executives to lead large-scale engineering projects around the world. After graduating in science and engineering from the university, he cofounded mining engineering giant WorleyParsons in 1971 and was chief executive for 38 years. Stepped down late last year and now chairs the company and the John Grill Centre for Project Leadership.

**Frank Lowy 82**
CHAIRMAN, WESTFIELD GROUP
One of the country’s best-known philanthropists. Donations include $30 million to launch a think tank, the Lowy Institute for International Policy, and $10 million to establish the Lowy Cancer Research Centre. Also supports Jewish causes in Australia and Israel. Built his fortune after cofounding global shopping-mall giant Westfield in 1953.

Graham Tuckwell 56
FOUNDER, ETF SECURITIES
Donated $50 million to Canberra’s Australian National University in February, the largest donation ever by an Australian to a university. Will fund an undergraduate scholarship program to promote academic excellence and good citizenship. Graduated in law and economics from the university in 1981, then started a London-based exchange-traded commodities fund. Hopes to encourage other wealthy Australians to give philanthropically rather than pass fortunes on to children, because “lots of money is poisonous to have.”

CHINA

Chen Dongsheng 55
CHAIRMAN AND CEO, TAIKANG LIFE INSURANCE
Has given 12% of his income to charity over the past 4 years, reports say. Married to a Mao Zedong granddaughter, Kong Dongmei, he donates mainly to education causes, including $16 million to his alma mater, Wuhan University, for its 120th anniversary this year.

Hui Ka Yan 54
FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN, EVERGRANDE REAL ESTATE GROUP
Donated $62 million last year to poverty relief and education, as he did the previous year. More than $3 million of this money went to disaster relief after the April earthquake that killed 196 people in Sichuan Province.

Ou Zongrong 49
CHAIRMAN OF REAL ESTATE AND INFRASTRUCTURE-INVESTMENT ZHENRO GROUP
Contributes to rural development, education and environmental protection. Gave $19 million over past year, including $8 million to a rural kindergarten, $5.6 million to an ecological preservation project and $3.2 million for a public plaza—all in his home province of Fujian.

Zhang Xin 47
COFOUNDER AND CEO, SOHO CHINA
Started the SOHO China Foundation with her husband, architect-developer Pan Shiyi, in 2005. Aid is focused on the poor in western China. Money goes for clean toilets, university
education for women and social responsibility classes for children. The foundation says it has helped 61,000 students learn social responsibility since 2008.

HONG KONG

Johnson Chang 61
DIRECTOR, HANART TZ GALLERY
Funding the construction of a traditional village in a suburb of Shanghai called Jinze, along with financier brother Zhang Song-Yi. Due to be completed in 4 years, the village is intended to be a working center for traditional Chinese artists, poets, craftsmen and musicians. Noting that much of China’s cultural identity is vanishing in the rush for modernity, the contemporary Chinese art expert says the village is his effort to revive the roots of Chinese culture. Has plans for similar projects in Hong Kong and Beijing.

Edwin Leong 62
FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY DEVELOPER TAI HUNG FAI ENTERPRISE
Donated $2.6 million to fund a mobile facility with Polytechnic University that provides free health screening and monitoring for needy elderly. Another $775,000 was given to Tung Wah Hospital for a community care program for seniors with dementia. Dubbed the “King of Shops,” he has supported professorships and scholarships at 4 universities through his Tai Hung Fai Charitable Foundation while backing programs for the elderly and underprivileged children in Hong Kong and China.

Lui Che Woo 83
CONTROLS K. WAH INTERNATIONAL AND GALAXY ENTERTAINMENT
Gave $13 million in December to the Chinese University of Hong Kong to set up a medical research laboratory aimed at encouraging students to pursue new fields such as neuroscience, sports medicine and regenerative technology. Universities in Hong Kong, Macau, China and the U.S. have all benefited from his largesse over the years.

David Mong 50
VICE CHAIRMAN, SHUN HING GROUP
Marking the 60th anniversary of his family’s appliance-and-electronics distributor, he’s committed $200,000 in scholarships for Hong Kong athletes to prepare for next year’s Asian Games in South Korea. Pledged $235,000 to the “Switch on 60 Dreams” campaign that will fund philanthropic projects by students for the elderly, disabled and disadvantaged. He and his late father, William, nicknamed the “King of Rice Cookers,” have long been supporters of the arts, sports and education in Hong Kong. This year marks the 23rd straight year of backing the Hong Kong Arts Festival.
INDIA

P.N.C. Menon 64
CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, SOBHA DEVELOPERS
Plans to give away half his estimated $435 million fortune though he hasn’t signed the Giving Pledge. “I decided this 25 years ago,” says the real estate baron. “It’s nothing new.” The Sri Kurumba Trust, his family’s charitable arm, adopted 4 villages in his native Kerala state in 2006 and helps families with a monthly income below $90. On a 10-acre site it runs Sobha Hermitage, a home for senior citizens and young widows; Sobha Academy, a free school for more than 700 poor children; and a medical center. The trust also provides free meals and conducts mass weddings.

Vineet Nayar 51
VICE CHAIRMAN, HCL TECHNOLOGIES
Sold some shares in the outsourcing company in 2010 for $7.8 million and the rest of his stake for $24 million last year. Proceeds went mostly to Sampark, a charity started with his wife, Anupama, in 2004 with a mission to “create a million smiles.” It works with local governments to improve schools, fund social ventures and expand water supply. The author and management thinker stepped down as HCL’s chief executive in January and now spends most of his time on his charity.

Rohinton “Ronnie” Screwvala 56
COFOUNDER OF UTV GROUP AND WALT DISNEY’S INDIA MANAGING DIRECTOR
Entertainment mogul with a string of Bollywood hits plans to spend $180 million over 5 years to uplift 1 million villagers in the western state of Maharashtra. Half will come from him, half from Indian and overseas philanthropists. Goal is to increase access to education, health care and clean water. Aiming to make the villagers self-sufficient, he’s looking at increasing agricultural yields and connecting the villages with businesses and nonprofit organizations. His foundation–started more than 20 years ago and rechristened as Swades (or “H omeland”) last year–is already working with 1,800 villages in the state.

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw 60
FOUNDER, BIOCON
Biotech entrepreneur pledges to give away 75% of her wealth. Focuses on cancer care and research, and low-cost health care. Click here for Shaw’s story.

INDONESIA

Anne Avantie 49
FASHION DESIGNER
Finances Wisma Kasih Bunda, a home in Semarang for children with hydrocephalus and other disorders. She’s supported more than 800 children since she set up the facility in 2002 and helps pay for medical expenses that can top $2,000 a child. Also, as a social entrepreneur she’s financed training and workshops for tailors, students and housewives, and opened Pendopo, a shop that sells apparel made by local tailors.

Irwan Hidayat 66
OWNER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HERBAL MEDICINE AND PROPERTY SIDOMUNCUL GROUP
Spends $280,000 each year to hold Mudik Gratis, his group’s famous free homecoming for low-income workers in the Jakarta area during the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Fitr. Started this 22 years ago and has taken a total of 190,000 people back to their home villages. Now rents 300 buses a year. Since 2010 he’s also spent $2.5 million a year on free eye surgery for 12,000 people with cataracts by collaborating with 97 private hospitals and 100 military hospitals throughout the country. Indonesia has the highest incidence of the disease in Southeast Asia.

Muhammad Jusuf Kalla 71
FORMER INDONESIAN VICE PRESIDENT, NOW CHAIRMAN OF INDONESIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
Vows to boost national blood bank to increase supply to hospital patients and disaster victims. His 29-year-old Kalla Foundation spent $1.3 million last year. It started a free junior and senior high school for the children of poor families in Bone Regency, South Sulawesi, and it’s planting 10,000 trees along a 25-kilometer stretch of the coastal road in South Sulawesi. Foundation is funded through his privately held Kalla Group, which has businesses spanning cars to property. He gave a 20% share of the group’s new hydropower plant in Central Sulawesi to the foundation.

Tahir 61
FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN, THE MAYAPADA GROUP
Already a significant donor to students and universities, his Tahir Foundation pledged $25 million in April toward an ambitious health care objective: eradicate polio by 2018. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is matching that amount, boosting the vaccination and education campaign. The donations are part of a $200 million public health initiative over 5 years that will attack infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria and HIV. Each foundation will put up $100 million. (Tahir is an investor in Wahana Mediatama, the licensee that publishes FORBES INDONESIA.)

JAPAN
Tetsuko Kuroyanagi 79
HOST OF DAYTIME TALK SHOW TETSUKO’S ROOM
Started the Totto Foundation in 1981 with her donation of the copyright of her bestselling book, Totto-Chan: The Little Girl at the Window, which sold 7.5 million copies in Japan and was translated into 35 languages. Foundation trains deaf actors, fulfilling her vision of bringing theater to the deaf. She’s also served as a UNICEF goodwill ambassador since 1984, visiting war-torn and poverty-stricken areas of the world. Holds the Guinness world record for longest-running TV talk show with a single host; her show has run since 1976.

Yoshiko Mori 72
ARTS PATRON AND BOARD MEMBER, MORI BUILDING CO.
Celebrating the tenth anniversary of her Mori Art Museum, which she opened to focus on Japanese contemporary art and support new Japanese artists. Located atop a 54-story tower in Tokyo’s Roppongi Hills, developed by her late husband’s property company, it now also promotes art, architecture and design from around the world. In March she received France’s Chevalier de la Legion d’Honneur—created by Napoléon Bonaparte—for promoting French-Japanese relations. She also supports the Royal Academy of Arts, London; the Russian Museum, St. Petersburg; and the Tokyo Council for the Arts.

Tokuji Munetsugu 64
FOUNDER OF LISTED ICHIBANYA CO. CHAIN OF CURRY RESTAURANTS
Launched a foundation in 2003, Yellow Angel, that holds the biennial Munetsugu Angel Violin Competition highlighting young violinists. Prizes include a 2-year loan of a rare instrument, such as a Stradivarius, and sponsorship for studies abroad. Winners perform at Munetsugu Hall, which he built for more than $15 million in 2007 to promote classical music. Also operates a concert hall in Nagoya.

Haruhiro Shiratori 73
RESTAURANT OWNER
Helped build a girls’ school in Afghanistan and established a fund to equip it with water purifiers, solar panels and supplies. Decided to combat poverty there to recover from his grief after his only son, Atsushi, was killed in the 2001 attack on New York’s World Trade Center. He’s repeatedly visited Central Asia since 2004, not only to benefit poor Afghans but also to drive around the mountains of Pakistan in an ultimately unsuccessful effort to hand-deliver a note to Osama bin Laden seeking an explanation for the attack. His story was made into a film, Dream of Kabul.
Azman Hashim 73
CHAIRMAN, AMMB HOLDINGS AND AMBANK
On their 50th wedding anniversary in March he and his wife pledged more than a third of
their wealth—1 billion ringgit, or $320 million—to the Azman Hashim Foundation for
education causes. Some $14 million has gone to 3 local universities for new buildings. He
grew up poor, but his wife, Tunku Arishah Tunku Maamor, is a granddaughter of the first
king of Malaysia.

Deborah Henry 27
MISS MALAYSIA WORLD, 2007; MISS UNIVERSE MALAYSIA, 2011
Fresh from her first reign as a beauty queen, she began helping the many refugees from
war-torn Somalia who had found their way to Malaysia. In 2008 she and a friend founded
the Fugee School for the displaced children. She helps fund the 100-student school, which
-teaches basic skills and confidence, and raises donations from others.

Sinje Lee 37
POP SINGER AND FILM ACTRESS
For 10 years star power from her hot onscreen career—where she goes by Angelica Lee—
has helped her and her filmmaker husband, Oxide Pang Chun, attract many thousands to
donate to the World Vision campaign to improve children’s lives in Southeast Asia by
providing clean water and better schools. She also sponsors 21 children and helped rebuild
the typhoon-damaged home of a family she met while on honeymoon in the Philippines in
2010.

Stephen Yeap 67
CHAIRMAN OF HENG LEE & CO., FAMILY-CONTROLLED FIRM WITH PROPERTY
INTERESTS
Family aids students through its Yeap Chor Ee Charitable Trust, and it funded the
Wawasan Education Foundation to start Wawasan Open University. Also supports artist
residencies in Malihom, the family’s retreat home in Penang. Grandfather Yeap Chor Ee
founded Ban Hin Lee Bank, which merged with Southern Bank; the group was later
acquired by CIMB.

THE PHILIPPINES

Joel S. Cruz 48
FOUNDER AND CEO, CENTRAL AFFIRMATIVE CO.
Focuses most of his donations on helping children and teenagers who are abandoned,
troubled or sick, as well as the elderly and disabled. Each year his company—the
manufacturer of Aficionado Germany, the country’s leading mass-market perfume brand—
celebrates its anniversary by giving cash to charities and paying employees to volunteer for a day. Nicknamed the “Lord of Scents,” he plans to launch the Joel S. Cruz Aficionado Foundation in the next year.

John L. Gokongwei Jr. 85
FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, JG SUMMIT HOLDINGS
Chairs one of the country’s most well-endowed foundations, the Gokongwei Brothers Foundation, launched in 1992 with his 3 brothers. Gave it half his JG Summit shares in 2006, a donation now worth more than $1 billion after a 4-year bull run on the stock.
Foundation is the conglomerate’s largest shareholder, with a 29.4% stake worth $2.3 billion. Disbursements are funded out of company dividends and focus on education, such as a $6 million gift made over the past 2 years to De La Salle University’s College of Engineering, now renamed the Gokongwei College of Engineering. Money goes to scholarships, faculty development, facilities and research.

Felino “Jun” A. Palafox Jr. 63
FOUNDER AND MANAGING PARTNER, PALAFOX ASSOCIATES
His internationally recognized architecture and urban design firm donates its services for the design of low-income housing developments. One 12-hectare project was for the Smokey Mountain dumpsite community in Manila. A former Catholic seminary student, he gives money to a program helping needy churches and in the last 5 years, his firm has done pro bono architectural and interior design or master planning for 6 church-related projects.

Henry Sy Sr. 88
FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN, THE SM GROUP
The Philippines’ richest person continues to disburse chunks of his fortune. Last year he gave $7 million to De La Salle University to help build the Henry Sy Sr. Hall as part of the school’s revamp for its 100th anniversary. The 14-floor, eco-friendly building is based on the concept of a tree that can be inhabited. In December he donated $112 million to an unnamed foundation.

SINGAPORE

Claire Chiang 61
COFOUNDER, BANYAN TREE HOTELS & RESORTS
Donated $250,000 last year from the sale of her memoir, My Journey and After. Proceeds go to the Asian Festival of Children’s Content to be used as seed money to develop children’s literature produced in and focused on Asia. Also chairs the company’s
foundation, which funds education initiatives such as scholarships and internships, among other projects.

Sam Goi 64  
OWNER OF SPRING-ROLL-SKIN MAKER TEE YIH JIA  
Gave $400,000 to the Lee Kuan Yew Fund for Bilingualism last year to raise the standard of teaching English as well as mother-tongue languages Mandarin, Malay and Tamil in Singapore’s preschools. Known as the “Popiah King,” he dropped out of Dunman High School to help his family’s business but has given $1.2 million to the school, where he chairs the advisory committee.

Michael Ma 44  
FOUNDER AND OWNER, THE INDOCHINE GROUP  
Remembering how his refugee family was penniless after fleeing Laos during the Vietnam War, he donates roughly $250,000 a year to charitable causes, including the Red Cross and other aid groups. Also hosts the annual IndoChine Green Festival in Singapore, a week of forums and parties that attracts such notables as Prince Albert of Monaco and actress Michelle Yeoh, and raises awareness and funds for environmental and social causes. His company boasts a collection of restaurants and bars in Singapore and Germany plus a resort in Thailand.

Wong Mah Jia Lan 75  
OWNED SHIPPING, HOTEL AND TIN-MINING BUSINESSES WITH LATE HUSBAND  
Raised $650,000 in April by auctioning part of her collection of Chinese paintings and jewelry. The money will establish a youth leadership award that gives secondary students from a group of schools that emphasize Chinese language and culture a chance to go overseas. Last year she donated $1.3 million to Singapore Management University to support its counseling center. To mark their 50th wedding anniversary, she and her husband, Wong Kwok Leong, gave S$1 million to the university in 2006 to start a scholarship for poor students. Among numerous other donations she gave $40,000 to the National Heart Centre Singapore in 2010 after being a patient there.

SOUTH KOREA  

Cho Yong-Pil 63  
POP MUSICIAN  
Started helping children with heart disease after his wife died of a heart attack in 2003. Has donated $5.5 million from concert proceeds, dividends from his YPC Production and a $2 million inheritance from his wife. Money often goes to cover surgery costs. Set up the Cho Yong-Pil Scholarship Foundation in 2009 to provide living expenses and scholarships for
poor students. In April released his 19th album, his first in 10 years, and topped Psy on the charts.

Lee Gil-Ya 81
DOCTOR, GACHON MEDICAL SCHOOL FOUNDER AND GACHON UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT
Trained as a gynecologist, her Lee Gil-Ya obstetrics clinic grew into Gachon University Gil Hospital with 5 hospitals around the country, 6 specialized medical centers and 2 research institutes. Her Gachon Gil Foundation has committed $90 million to enlarge the medical school, with the first $18 million donated this year. Promises to make the university one of the country’s top 10 private universities.

Moon Tae-Sik 85
FOUNDER AND HONORARY CHAIRMAN, AJU GROUP
Gave 65.2 acres of forest land worth $36 million to the Jungnang district of Seoul. Started Aju in Jungnang in 1960 as a construction-materials business, building it into an auto, finance, real estate, hotel and logistics conglomerate, and he wanted to thank the community for his success.

Shin Young-Kyun 84
MOVIE ACTOR AND PRODUCER AND FORMER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEMBER
Pledged 25,483 square miles of land on Jeju Island to Seoul National University. A graduate of its dentistry college, he switched to acting and starred in more than 300 movies. The gift in February followed a $900,000 contribution last year to Sogang University in Seoul for a new art and technology department and a donation to the film industry in 2010 valued at $45 million. That gift included the Sinyoung Cinema Museum on Jeju and money for training actors and other artists.

TAIWAN

Chang Yung-Fa 85
FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN, EVERGREEN MARINE
Launched the Chang Yung-Fa Foundation 28 years ago, and it has spent a total of $130 million, largely on disaster and poverty relief. He’s donated $435 million to charity over the years, with most of that going to the foundation. Staffed by 149 people, it also runs a symphony orchestra and puts out a monthly magazine on morality. Most of its efforts are concentrated on Taiwan.

Chou Chun-Chi 60
CHAIRMAN, SINYI REALTY
Contributed a total of $24 million to his alma mater, National Chengchi University, last year, including $4 million to establish Sinyi College as part of the business school. Hopes his donation will help business ethics take firmer root with the island’s entrepreneurs. “I believe business ethics is key to national competitiveness,” he says. The other $20 million—the largest donation since the university’s founding in 1927—is going toward the renovation of a 51-year-old business school building.

Kao Ying-Shih 88
FOUNDER, ETERNAL CHEMICAL
Focuses his philanthropy on Kaohsiung City’s public library system. Has given it $5.3 million since 2007, including $3.3 million in the past year to help fund the construction of a new 8-story headquarters. The third floor will be named for Kao. Other money helps fund activities throughout the library’s 61 branches serving the southern city’s 2.8 million people. Has told his son to continue his donations after he’s gone.

C. C. Leung 63
COFOUNDER AND VICE CHAIRMAN, QUANTA COMPUTER
Gave $19 million to his alma mater, National Taiwan University, last June to expand the Leung Center for Cosmology & Particle Astrophysics. Had helped establish the center with an initial grant of $6.9 million in 2007. Money will be put toward an endowment fund and a new office building for the center, which is headed by Pisin Chen, a former physics classmate of Leung’s.

Kree Dejchai 50
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, SC ASSET CORP.
Over the years he and his Bangkok real estate development company have donated to school libraries, hospitals, flood victims and people with disabilities. Last year he focused on nutrition, giving $70,000 so 1,300 children could have a good breakfast and enlisting hospitals and the government to put nutrition programs in place. Next: aid for new mothers and infants.

William Heinecke 64
FOUNDER AND CEO OF HOTEL AND RESTAURANT COMPANY MINOR INTERNATIONAL
A citizen of Thailand since 1991, he’s become a patron of the country’s displaced, often homeless, elephants. Over the past 10 years he’s donated more than $1 million to help them and their mahouts (lifelong caregivers and handlers). The assistance has ranged from providing medical care to opening a protected retirement ranch and culminating in an annual high-profile fundraising elephant polo match.
Piriya Krairiksh 71
RETIRED PROFESSOR OF ART HISTORY
Established the Piriya Krairiksh Foundation to promote art historians who will challenge orthodoxies and to encourage research on the art history of Thailand and nearby countries. It will sponsor lectures, publications, research and study trips and provide scholarships. On the agenda for 2015: a conference on the region’s art history to coincide with the launch of greater economic integration for ASEAN countries.

Sukum Navapan 88
CHAIRMAN OF CITY SPORTS & RECREATION, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THAI MILITARY BANK
Through his Sukumo Foundation has contributed more than $3 million to educational and cultural activities. He chairs the Bangkok Symphony Orchestra Foundation, which promotes classical music and music education. Longstanding patron of Huachiew Chalermprakiet University and Sukum Navapan Uppatum School. Active in the Thai Olympic Committee and the Table Tennis Association.

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