

FAREWELL KEN, MY FELLOW CORRUPTION FIGHTER

(Tribute to Ken Ho 何景揚 84 FA)

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Ken's passing saddens me deeply. In addition to both being QES graduates (albeit 12 years apart), we worked together in the Independent Commission Against Corruption for many years and had a lot of things in common in our ICAC service.

I came to know Ken in 1996 when he joined the ICAC also as a direct entrant at Officer rank like me. At the ICAC Training School passing out ceremony, he quickly caught my attention - bright, determined and passionate about his new career with the ICAC. All these were attributes we were looking for in our new generation of corruption fighters. I also saw in him certain traits that I had when I joined the ICAC as a young investigator.

Not surprisingly, Ken's work in the ensuing years consistently demonstrated his investigative ability, perseverance and sense of fairness, all of which were (and still are) essential in fighting the secretive and conspiratorial crime of corruption.

Several years after he joined the ICAC and during an annual appraisal meeting with him (during which the officer's personal circumstances and career aspirations would typically be discussed), Ken told me he was also a QES graduate. I still remember his broad smile and obvious pride about QES when he shared that with me. Naturally and enjoyably we exchanged our fond memories and interesting experiences of our respective QES times (with clear understanding that I would continue to watch his progress in the ICAC with keen interest but also with total impartiality).

Ken's stamina and leadership quality became even more evident after his promotion to Chief Investigator. Eventually he rose further through the ranks in the Operations Department of the ICAC and was appointed as Director in 2020. By then, I had already retired from the ICAC, but I could not be happier to learn of this richly deserved promotion and remarkable achievement. He served in the ICAC with utmost integrity and exemplary dedication for a total of 28 years.

I will remember Ken with fond memories of the many experiences and

milestones in life that we had in common - we both had the privileges of having attended QES, served in the ICAC for totally 28 years, and attained the rank of Director in the Operations Department.

Ken, may you rest in peace.