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Tan Chin Tuan Banking pioneer

THE former OCBC chairman was as famous for his philanthropy as for his banking achievements.

An alumnus of Anglo-Chinese Secondary School, he started his career at age 17 as a clerk at the Chinese Commercial Bank. He became OCBC's managing director in 1942 and concurrently its chairman in 1966 till his retirement in 1983. He was also its honorary life president.

In 2002, he gave \$2.25 million to ACS (Barker Road). Earlier this year, he gave the National University of Singapore \$29 million.

Mr Tan, 98, leaves behind two daughters, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.