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A Purposeful Life

1908: Born in Singapore and educated in Anglo-Chinese School.

1925: Became a junior clerk with the Chinese Commercial Bank (CCB).

1932: Became assistant manager of CCB before CCB merged with Ho Hong Bank and Oversea-Chinese Bank to form the Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation (OCBC).

1933: Made bank manager of OCBC.

1939: Became Managing Director of Eastern Realty, and OCBC subsidiary. Over the years, he also became chairman of several local blue-chip firms such as Raffles Hotel, Fraser and Neave, Malayan Breweries, Robinsons.

1939-1941: Served as Municipal Commissioner of Singapore.

1942: Became youngest managing director in banking history, when he was appointed joint MD of OCBC at age 34.

1948-1955: Served as a member of the Singapore Executive Council; senior member and subsequently deputy President of the Singapore Legislative Council.

1966: Took over sole control of OCBC as chairman and managing director.

1969: Decorated Commander of the Most excellent Order of the British Empire for his public service; Also conferred the title of Tan Sri by the Malaysian King Yang di Pertuan Agong.

1983: Retired as OCBC Chairman and made honorary Life President

1983-1986: Chairman of the Singapore Turf Club.

1991: Conferred honorary doctor of law degree by the National University of Singapore.

1992: Retired as Chairman of GE Life and Straits Trading.

2005: Passed away at the age of 97.