Chan Family Makes Another U.S. University Donation

Hong Kong Billionaire Ronnie Chan to Donate $20 million to University of Southern California.

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HONG KONG—Hong Kong property billionaire Ronnie Chan and his wife announced Thursday they would give $20 million to the University of Southern California’s occupational science and therapy program.

The gift comes just 10 days after Mr. Chan’s brother Gerald pledged a $350 million donation to Harvard University—the largest donation in that school’s history. The Harvard-educated Gerald Chan, who heads the private investment firm Morningside Group, pledged the money to Harvard’s school of public health.

Ronnie Chan, chairman of Hang Lung Properties Ltd., earned an M.B.A. degree from USC in 1976. He also has two sons who are USC alumni. One son earned a doctorate degree in occupational therapy and recently joined the division as a faculty member. Following the new donation, the division will be renamed after Mr. Chan’s mother as the USC Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy.

The gift will also establish a partnership with “a top Chinese university” to develop a graduate program in the same discipline, the announcement said. It didn’t elaborate.

“I am grateful for the opportunities that USC afforded me and my sons, and our gift to the division is one of several ways we intend to continue supporting USC in the future,” said Ronnie Chan in the statement.

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