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Personal Introduction

Born in Hong Kong in 1954, Dr Jackie Chan is a legendary success story.

Apprenticed to a Beijing opera troupe at the age of six, Dr Chan was trained in all aspects of traditional operatic performance including acting, singing and martial arts. He began his film career as a stuntman. His talent and enthusiasm for film-making enabled him to advance from a stunt coordinator to a movie star, a director and a producer.

Dr Chan's devotion to the movie industry has brought him fortune and fame. His movies have always been box office hits in the territory and he has successfully established his Chinese kung fu hero image worldwide. He is very popular in Japan where he was voted Best Actor by Japan's RoadShow Magazine for seven consecutive years from 1982 to 1989, and was awarded Best Action Director by the same magazine in 1988. Hong Kong Artists' Guild gave him the Best Actor award in 1989 and twice he won the Best Actor prize at the Golden Horse Awards in 1992 and 1993. In 1990, he received the award of the Insignes de Chevalier des Arts et des Letters from the Cinematheque Francaise.

With his international fame, Dr Chan has been appointed as Hong Kong's official Tourism Ambassador since 1995. Over the years, he has taken part in many large-scale activities to build the positive image of Hong Kong and to promote Chinese arts and culture. Apart from winning various prestigious professional awards, Dr Chan's honours include the 1986 Hong Kong Outstanding Young Person's Award, the 1988 International Outstanding Young Person's Award, and an MBE in 1989. In 1992, he was honoured for being the Most Outstanding Young Chinese in the World, and voted the Healthiest Person in Hong Kong. He was conferred the honorary degree of the Doctor of Social Science by the Hong Kong Baptist University in 1996. In 1999, Dr Chan was honoured with a Silver Bauhinia Star (SBS) by the HKSAR Government.

Dr Chan is also actively involved in charities, public service and education. He founded the Jackie Chan Charitable Foundation in 1987 to provide annual scholarships to students of performing and technical arts, to support youth projects and to assist performing artists who have suffered hardship and injury. Over the years, hundreds of students have benefited from the fund.