

Preface

Lingnan University was founded by friendly missionaries from the United States who were enthusiastic about the educational enterprise. Lingnan has had a long history and course of development since its founding in 1888. On 1 August 1927 it was turned over to Chinese administration, and on the same day Dr Chung Wing Kwong became the first Chinese President of the university. From the time that Dr Chung began to serve the school until his retirement as President Emeritus, he continuously travelled throughout the hemispheres to raise funds and expand the scale of the institution. For forty years the Lingnan enterprise was constantly his innermost concern. He composed a couplet saying, “My sole contribution has been to give my best to Lingnan until my dying day.” This makes him the epitome of the model scholar of his generation.

In 1966, Lingnan University Alumni Association formed a “Chung Wing Kwong Biography Editorial Committee” to commemorate Dr Chung. The *Biography of Chung Wing Kwong* was published in January 1967. Despite successive reprinting of the book, copies continued to fall short of demand. Thus a third edition of the biography was printed in 1996, thanks to financial assistance from former Chairmen: Lam Chik-suen, B. L. Wong, James T. Wu and K. Y. Luk.

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“College mother, calm thou standest, given from afar;
In the years and strife before us, never shall we fail!”
And may the Lingnan spirit continue without interruption!