

2025 Global Outstanding Overseas Compatriot Alumni 【Overseas Community Service Award】

Mr. Kuek Eng Mong

From the small town of Sarawak to Taiwan for his studies, then back to Malaysia to build his career, promote education, and serve his community - Kuek Eng Mong is a key figure in uniting Taiwan alumni in Malaysia and a vital bridge for cultural and economic exchange between Taiwan and Malaysia. More than a successful engineer and entrepreneur, he is a pillar of the overseas Chinese community.

Born in 1951 in Sarawak, Malaysia, Kuek was diligent and steady from a young age. Determined to pursue higher education, he came to Taiwan and studied mechanical engineering at National Cheng Kung University (NCKU), a turning point in his life. He regards Taiwan as his second home - not just for the knowledge and skills he gained, but for the warmth and inclusion he felt as an overseas student. These formative experiences deeply shaped his cultural identity and laid the foundation for his later efforts in overseas Chinese affairs and community service.

During his time at NCKU, Kuek showed great interest in mechanics and engineering design, excelling in his studies. He actively engaged in activities for overseas Chinese students on campus and built friendships with peers from diverse backgrounds and different countries. These multicultural exchanges helped him better understand the needs and challenges faced by overseas Chinese. Taiwan's open and democratic atmosphere also sparked his lifelong commitment to democracy, human rights, and social welfare. For Kuek, Taiwan was not only an educational experience but also a place where his values were shaped.

After graduating in 1973, Kuek returned to Malaysia and, in 1980, founded "QY Engineering Sdn. Bhd.(群英工程企業有限公司)," specializing in water supply and wastewater infrastructure

projects, contributing significantly to local public works and basic infrastructure development. While his business grew steadily, Kuek also dedicated himself for decades to serving alumni associations and the overseas Chinese community - earning recognition as a pillar of strength within Malaysia's overseas Taiwanese circles. Since 1976, he has been deeply involved in Taiwan alumni activities - serving as President of the Sarawak Taiwan Graduates' Association, Vice President and Advisor of the Gabungan Persatuan Alumni Universiti Taiwan, Malaysia, and from 2021 to 2022, as President of the "World Federation of Taiwan Alumni Associations." In 2022, he successfully organized the World Annual Meeting, bringing together over 700 Taiwan alumni from 13 countries, in collaboration with Taiwan's Overseas Community Affairs Council - a powerful demonstration of global alumni unity and soft diplomacy.

In addition, Kuek has made tireless efforts to support local education. From 2009 to 2013, he served as Chair of the Kuching High School Rebuilding Committee, successfully raising RM8.6 million to rebuild the school campus. During his tenure as President of the Federation of Kuek Clansmen Associations of Malaysia(馬來西亞汾陽郭氏聯合總會總會), he actively connected Kuek clan members around the world, promoting respect for elders and the preservation of Chinese cultural heritage. He has also long served as Vice President of the Kuching Chinese General Chamber of Commerce & Industry(古晉中華總商會) in Sarawak, where he is widely respected for advancing Chinese education and fostering communication between the business sector and government.

Kuek believes the role of the overseas Chinese is not only to connect but also to pass on values. He hopes to help younger generations of Taiwan alumni enter local community and leadership circles, ensuring the spirit and values of studying in Taiwan continue to evolve and thrive. He also aims to use alumni networks to enhance Taiwan-Malaysia youth exchange, creating

more opportunities for talent circulation and two-way collaboration - further strengthening Taiwan's grassroots diplomacy in Southeast Asia.

Kuek deeply thanks the Overseas Community Affairs Council for its long-term support of overseas Chinese and sees this honor as a motivation to continue advocating for Taiwan and giving back to the community. He firmly believes that with sustained dedication across generations, the overseas Chinese will remain one of Taiwan's most reliable bridges to the world.