

林威廉校長簡介

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林威廉校長、字漢泉、族譜上列為林邦慶，是廣東潮安人。威廉校長誕於農曆 1916 年 8 月 17 日，11 歲時負笈至越南堤岸的義安小學就讀，15 歲時考上汕頭市立第一中學，最後畢業於香港喇沙英文書院。一九四一年和唐聲亮女士結婚。畢業後在香港創辦鎮業公司，後來因抗戰遷居越南，先後創辦振合興、振合成、林漢泉等公司。亦曾任職於林合成和 Standard Oil Company。威廉校長讀書時名列前茅，在英文作文及文法上特有造就，曾得香港英文作文比賽第一名。威廉校長並且是領袖人物，經常被選為學生會主席，為學生們力爭各種平等待遇。



林威廉校長盛年時(1964)

威廉校長雖然興趣廣博，屢次創業，任重負遠，但一直對英文教學特有所鍾。遂於

1954 年毅然克服各種困難，創立越南第一所英文中學。他綜合經營企業的經驗，英文

教學的才能和物色栽培教職員人才的本領，將林威廉英文書院辦成越南首屈一指的英文書院，亦是海外知名的學府。威廉校長辦學 20 年，桃李滿門，越南各大公司、澳、美、歐、亞各洲都有林威廉書院的校友，畢業後到台灣就讀大學的也



林威廉英文中學籃球隊榮獲冠軍(1963)

不少。

威廉校長自在喇沙英文書院就讀時，已接觸基督教。辦林威廉書院時亦主動聘請傳教士教聖經。可是自己保持中國傳統的佛教。幸而上帝施恩，多次藉著神跡奇事，聖經的教訓，主內弟兄姊妹的愛心，和信主兒女們的關心來感動他。終於在澳洲布里斯本市陳佩智醫師的帶領下正式接受耶穌基督為救主，並在布里斯本華人基督教祐泰堂受洗加入主的教會。

威廉校長在越南的獅子會甚活躍，並曾任會長。

威廉校長與唐聲亮女士共有兒女五人；台大傑出校友、中研院院士林本堅是他們的長子。其他的子女是林本固、林少亮、林本壯、林幼亮；孫兒女九人、曾孫兒女 11 人，仍在增加中。子孫居台灣、澳洲、美國、加拿大等地。



林威廉會長榮獲獅子會頒獎(1970)

Brief Biography of Headmaster William Lin

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Headmaster William Lin's Chinese name was Han Quan Lin (Hong Tuyen Lam in Vietnamese). He is listed as Bang Qing Lin on the chronological record of the Lin family and was born in the Chao An County of the Guang Dong Province on August 17, 1916 by the lunar calendar. He went abroad to study in the Yi An Primary School in Cholon, Vietnam, then enrolled in the First Middle School in Shan Tou City, Guang Dong Province, through its entrance examination. He eventually graduated from La Salle College in Hong Kong.



Headmaster Lin in his prime (1964)

Headmaster Lin was married to Ms. Sheng Liang Tang (Thinh Luong Duong in Vietnamese) in 1941. After graduating from La Salle, he founded the Zhen Ye Company in Hong Kong, but soon moved to Vietnam due to the Sino-Japanese war. There, he consecutively founded the Zhen He Xing, Zhen He Cheng, and Lin Han Quan companies. He was also employed by the Lin He Cheng and Standard Oil companies.

Headmaster Lin always ranked in the top tier of his classes. He was particularly outstanding in English composition and grammar. He once won first prize in an English Composition Contest in Hong Kong. In addition to his scholastic achievements, Headmaster Lin was often elected as the chair of student unions to advocate for various student rights.

Even though Headmaster Lin had broad interests and founded many companies, he always had a keen interest in English education. Eventually, overcame tremendous difficulties to establish the first English high school in Vietnam. Taking advantage of his experience in enterprise management, his excellent capability to teach, and his ability to recruit teachers and administrators, he succeeded in building the William Lin Institute, the best English high school in Vietnam. It also had a great reputation overseas.



The basketball team of William Lin Middle School won a championship (1963)

Over 20 years, he cultivated countless students. The William Lin Institute's alumni can be found in many companies and educational institutions; not only in Vietnam, but also throughout America, Asia, Europe, and Australia. In addition, many former students came to Taiwan to continue their education.

Headmaster Lin was aware of Christianity as early as during his La Salle years. At the William Lin Institute, he invited missionaries to teach the Bible; however, he maintained his Buddhist beliefs as a traditional Chinese. Fortunately, through miracles, Biblical teachings, and the love of his Christian brothers and sisters, he eventually accepted Christ as his personal savior under the guidance of Dr. Pei Zhi Chen and was baptized at the Yiu Tai Chinese Christian Church in Brisbane, Australia.

Headmaster Lin was very active at the Lions Club in Vietnam and was elected as its president.



President Lin won a prize from the Lions Club (1970)

Headmaster Lin and Mrs. Sheng Liang Tang had five children: Burn Jeng Lin, Distinguished Alumnus of National Taiwan University and Academician of Academia Sinica, Andrew Lam, Celia Liu, Paul Lam, and Julia Fang; 9 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. The list is growing. They reside in Taiwan, Australia, the U.S., and Canada.

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