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## **In Memoriam – Lai Tat-Chung, Brendan** **黎達冲**

**(November 15, 1942-September 23, 2002)**

**Studied at Wah Yan College, Kowloon, 1955-1961**

### **A. Years at Wah Yan College, Kowloon, 1955-1961**

**P6A - 1955-1956**

**F1A - 1956-1957**

**F2A - 1957-1958**

**F3A - 1958-1959**

**F4B - 1959-1960**

**F5D - 1960-1961**

## B. Class Photos and Class Lists, a selection

### PRIMARY 6A.

Form-master: Mr. P. K. Ho



P6A, 1955-1956 – 2nd row from top – 4th right

#### FORM I A

1. Auyang Siu Lee	歐陽兆里	21. Lai Tat Chung	黎達冲
2. Cha Mau Sing	查懋聲	22. Lam Sing Kiu	陳星橋
3. Chan Chiu Yin	陳昭賢	23. Lam Wing Cheung	林永章
4. Chan Hwung Chuen	陳宏川	24. Lau Ping Yuen	劉炳元
5. Chan Ming Lee	陳明利	25. Lee Ping Hon	李秉漢
6. Chan To Ming	陳道明	26. Lee Sing Lim, P.	李成林
7. Cheng Che Keong, M.	鄭志强	27. Lee Wen Hao	李文浩
8. Cheung Chi Keung	張志强	28. Leung Woon Chuen	梁煥泉
9. Chiu Wah Kwong	趙華光	29. Lie, Francis	李應平
10. Choy Siu Ying	蔡兆瑛	30. Liu Kwok Chi	廖國治
11. Fan Key Yam	范已任	31. Lo Kwong Chi	羅廣熾
12. Fok Kee Sau	霍其秀	32. Ng Ping Cheung	吳炳祥
13. Fung, Frank	馮 暉	33. Poon Hon Wai	潘漢偉
14. Fung Ding Keong, D.	馮定強	34. Poon Tak Ming, J.	潘德明
15. Ho Chue Kwong	何曙光	35. Sun Sai Chong	孫世利
16. Ho Ping Kwong	何秉光	36. Sun Tai Keung	孫大強
17. Ho Shu Yip	何守業	37. Tse Chung Sang, P.	謝松生
18. Ip Kam Hung	葉錦洪	38. Tse Ting Cheung	謝鼎祥
19. Kwan Ying Wai	關英偉	39. Wu Tse Wai	吳子惠
20. Lai Ping Kuen, M.	黎炳權	40. Yang Yu Hum	楊虞鑫
		41. Yu Wan Sang	余雲生

F1A, 1956-1957 – class list



FORM II A.

F2A, 1957-1958 – 2nd row from top – 2<sup>nd</sup> left

FORM III A

1. Chan Hwung Chuen	陳宏川	21. Lau Ping Yuen, G.	劉炳元
2. Chan Man Bun, K.	陳文彬	22. Lee Wen Hao	李文浩
3. Chan See Ching	陳士菁	23. Leung Ting Chu, F.	梁廷柱
4. Chan Yin Kee, G.	陳賢基	24. Leung Woon Chuen	梁煥泉
5. Chang Wei Liang, W.	張偉亮	25. Li Che Kim	李自儉
6. Chen Chia Hua, B.	陳加華	26. Loo Pok Wing	盧樸榮
7. Cheung Chi Fong, B.	張子方	27. Ma Kai Fai	馬啓輝
8. Cheung Po Kai	張寶錡	28. Man Chung Keung, A.	文仲強
9. Chiu Hoi Kow	趙起蛟	29. Ng Ping Cheung	吳炳祥
10. Chow Cheh Ming, J.	周哲民	30. Ng Sheung Yee	吳尙義
11. Choy Chun Chiu	蔡鎮潮	31. Ng Siu Kim	吳小儉
12. Choy Siu Ying, E.	蔡兆瑛	32. Poon Hon Wai, P.	潘漢偉
13. Fan Key Yam	范己任	33. Shen Chi Hung	沈志洪
14. Fok Kee Sau	霍其秀	34. To Hin Leung	杜顯亮
15. Fong Wang Bun	方宏濱	35. Tse Tak Fu	謝德富
16. Ho Sau Yip	何守業	36. Tseung Chun Hin, A.	蔣振憲
17. Hui Tak Cheung	許德祥	37. Yu Fong Lun	余舫麟
18. Lai Cham Chiu, J.	黎湛釗	38. Yue Fong Ying	余晃英
19. Lai Tat Chung, B.	黎達冲	39. Wong Chi Hok, B.	黃志鶴
20. Lai Tin Wah	黎天華	40. Wu Ho Mun	胡可滿

F3A, 1958-1959 – class list



FORM 4B (59-60)

### F4B, 1959-1960 – top row – 1st left

### FORM V D, 1960 - 1961

1. Au Pak Fai	區 柏 輝	17. Lee Hing Ping, Francis	李 慶 平
2. Au Yeung Kar	歐 陽 嘉	18. Lee Ping Hon, Martin	李 秉 漢
3. Chang Wei Liang, William	張 偉 亮	19. Loh Wai Tsu, Lawrence	陸 衛 祖
4. Cheng Kwok Ming, Steven	鄭 國 明	20. Ng Chun Bong, Peter	吳 振 邦
5. Chow Chi Cheng, Robert	周 持 正	21. Ng Ping Cheung	吳 炳 祥
6. Chow Hing Ming	周 慶 銘	22. Sun Sai Chong, Victor	孫 世 昶
7. Chow Ting Chu	周 鼎 鑄	23. Tang Ka Yiu, Michael	鄧 家 堯
8. Fong Wan Loong, Lawrence	方 雲 龍	24. Tse Chung Sang, Peter	謝 松 生
9. Fung Fai, Frank	馮 翬	25. Wang Hok Cheong, David	王 學 章
10. Ho Ping Kwong	何 秉 光	26. Won Cho Yin, Terence	黃 祖 賢
11. Hon Chi Shing, Matthew	韓 志 誠	27. Wong Tak Chung	王 德 忠
12. Hui Man Kong	許 文 江	28. Wu Chung Juh, Henry	吳 中 柱
13. Kung Yum Sing, Francis	龔 蔭 聲	29. Wu Tse Wai	吳 子 惠
14. Kwan Ying Wai	關 英 偉	30. Yu Chi Hung, Xavier	茹 至 雄
15. Lai Ping Kuen, Michael	黎 炳 權	31. Yu Fong Lun, Philip	余 舫 麟
16. Lai Tat Chung, Brendan	黎 達 冲		

### F5D, 1960-1961 – class list

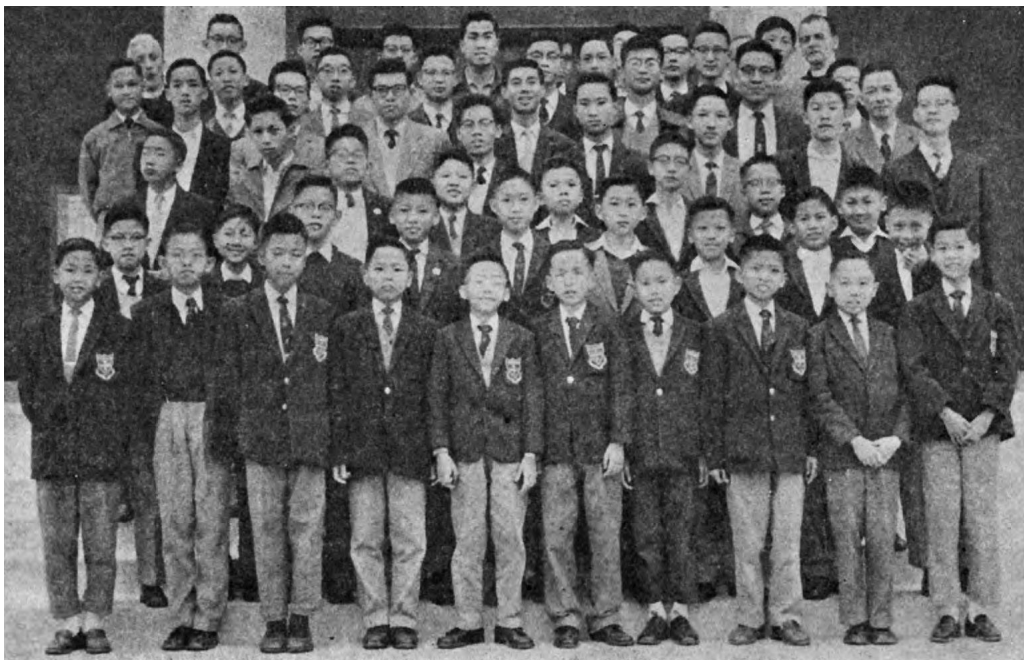


### C. School Magazine (Shield) Photos, 1959-1961



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。相扮的中術拳國中在冲達黎

**1959 – As Kung-Fu Master**



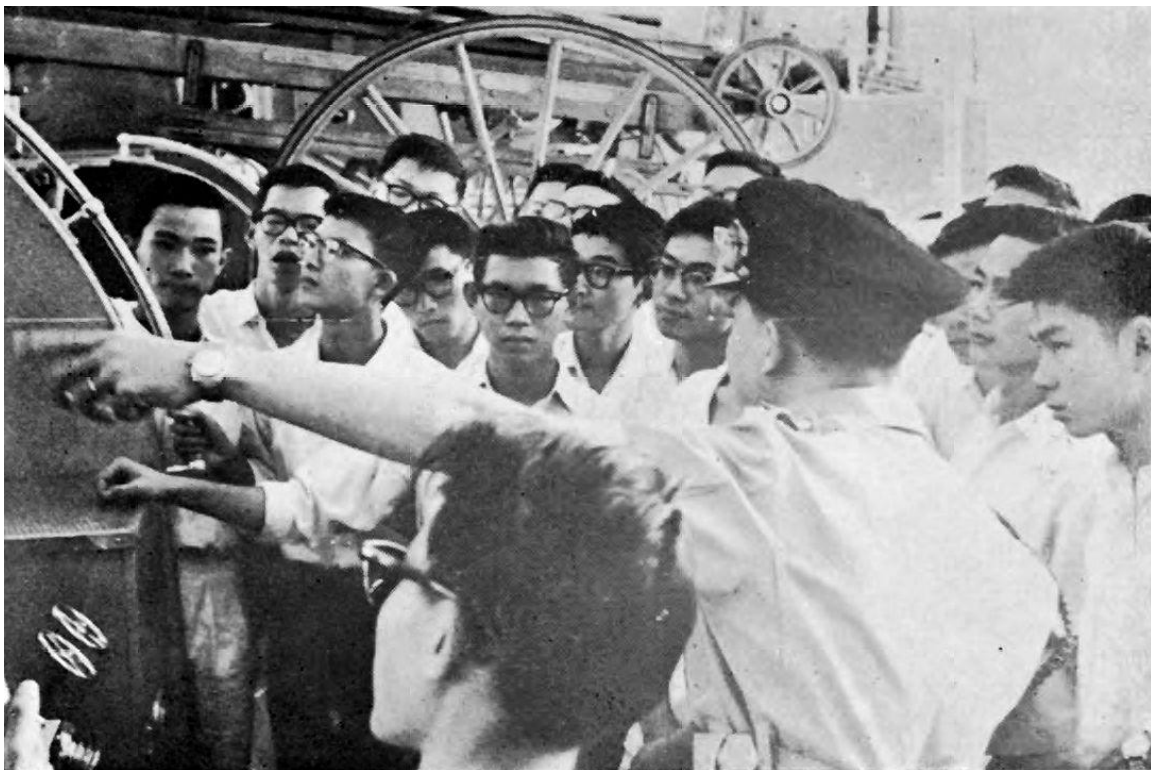
*Newly-baptized with their God-fathers.*

**1960 As Godfather to Schoolmate – 3rd row from top, 4<sup>th</sup> right**



*At the after-Baptism breakfast.*

**1960 – After-Baptism Breakfast – 3rd right**



*In case of fire, call on these!*

**1961 Visiting the Fire Department – 1<sup>st</sup> left**

## D. From the Internet

### Brendan Lai Videos

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1M7M7rLxcYg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8nmSZxIxd0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6--naMqgUrc&index=2&list=PLaIqGXgUeoLaUw9JbYTSpJr8DRwyt7tAj>

黎達沖 (1942-2002) - Mantis (七星螳螂拳) applications

[http://www.authentickungfu.com/seven\\_star/sifu/lai\\_bio.html](http://www.authentickungfu.com/seven_star/sifu/lai_bio.html)

Grandmaster Lai was born in Hong Kong in 1942. He became a devoted disciple of the the famous Seven Star Praying Mantis Grandmaster Wong Hon-Fun after studying that system for many years. In 1961, Grandmaster Lai came to the United States to attend college, and in his spare time, he worked very diligently to improve his skills. In 1967, he started teaching the Seven Star Praying Mantis Kung-Fu system, and within a few years, he became known all over the world for his expertise in Kung-Fu.

Grandmaster Brendan Lai was inducted into the "**Hall of Fame**" by both **Inside Kung Fu Magazine** and **Black Belt Magazine** (1990, 1983), and was covered by over one hundred magazines and books across the world.

Grandmaster Lai earned numerous titles and honors over his years as an instructor. Here are but a few of his many accomplishments: He was the first person ever to receive a Ph.D. in Martial Arts by the Eurotechnical Research University. That same month he was appointed dean of the Department of Chinese Studies at the same university. Finally, in 1992 he formed the **International Northern Praying-Mantis Federation** and became its chairman.

To the great sadness of the Praying Mantis community, Brendan Lai passed away September 23, 2002.





## **In Memoriam**

### **Brendal Lai 1942 to 2002**

On September 23, 2002 noted Kung Fu teacher, Brendan Lai (Lai Tat-Chong) passed away.

Shihfu Lai was an 8th generation direct lineage holder in the Praying Mantis system. A follower of the famous teacher, Wong Hon-Fun "The Mantis King", Mr. Lai spent many years in mastering his art. In 1961 he moved from Hong Kong to the United States to attend college but continued his practice. In 1967 he began teaching publicly and opened a school in San Francisco. In a short while he grew famous as a Kung Fu teacher. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame by both Black Belt (1984) and Inside Kung Fu (1990) magazines. Numerous articles highlighted Mr. Lai's extensive knowledge and interest in the martial arts, particularly Praying Mantis. Among his many accomplishments were the following:

Formed Brendan Lai Supply Company: a prime martial supply company

First recipient of a Ph.D. in martial arts from Eurotechnical Research University  
Appointed

Dean of Chinese Studies Department at Eurotechnical Research University

Formed the International Northern Praying-Mantis Federation and became its chairman (1992)

Mr. Lai was one of the top promoters of martial arts in American history. He organized major demonstrations offering the public instructors of the best quality. Considering his

promotion a duty as well as an honor he brought many teachers to public notice at considerable expense to himself. Always a traditionalist he let the passing fads on the martial arts waves wash past him. But he ceaselessly invented methods for bringing pure arts to the public involving himself with seminars, chin nah courses and tai chi classes.

With the passing of Brendan Lai an era of martial history draws to a close.

Personal Note:

We considered Brandan Lai a friend. He was not just a teacher but an enthusiastic member of the martial community. He organized demonstrations and visiting instructors' seminars. Whenever we would visit him at Brendan Lai Supply company we'd spend time talking about the martial world. He was the antithesis of the stereotyped "inscrutable" Asian. Keen witted, funny, excited, appreciative, polite and very sharp he warmed a room with his love for martial arts. I will never forget standing there beside Doc Fai Wong as Brendan demonstrated some extremely fast hand combination. As one lightning hand fell back his beautiful wrist watch flew off as sailed about ten feet into a wall behind us. Glancing back for a moment he looked at me and said, "That's for the guy attacking from behind." He was like that. When he was excited he never held back.

Brendan Lai will be missed.

You students of Kung Fu, hold a minute and remember one who stayed the course.

Ted Mancuso  
Debbie Shayne

(Some of the links that no longer work are removed. Those who have contributed are much appreciated.)

**E. Thank-You Card from the Lai Family**

Oct. 2002

*Your kind expression of sympathy  
is deeply appreciated  
and gratefully acknowledged*

*Best wishes,  
Esther, Al & Kristine Lai*

## **F. Remembering Brendan - from classmates**

Gilbert Chinn wrote (2017-02-26):

Brendan Lai started learning Kung Fu since Primary 5 when we were studying in Kowloon Tong Primary School. Rodney, Fong Wang Bun and others may remember.

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Leonard Leung wrote (2017-02-27):

It's very sad that Brendan passed away during his prime age. I came to know him when our family immigrated to San Francisco. I was not in his classes when I was in Wah Yan. So I came to first making acquaintance with him here in USA. He is a very agreeable person and Ivy got to know him when he visited us in our Millbrae house. By then he had taught in the San Francisco State University and told us that guys were astonished to watch him went down a flight of stairs quick and elegant. He explained to them that was Chinese 'Hing Kung'--a very mysterious Chinese Kung Fu. I learnt about his passing away, but I did not know the time of his funeral service possibly I was in Hong Kong by then. Peter Poon is very familiar with him because they had been around for some time. He had a Kung Fu store in down town San Francisco and he possibly intended to outreach to the Americans about the merits of Chinese Kung Fu. Now that the Kung Fu movies so popular, if he was alive for ten more years, possibly he could be a Kung Fu star!

We never can know our destinies, don't we?

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Yu Fong-ying wrote (2017-02-27):

Dear HS,

Thank you for sending the video links about Brendan Lai. He sure was a good fighter and a master of Kung Fu. I can imagine the rough road he must have travelled to become accepted as such in a foreign country. There might well be memories of him from his students.

We were only in one class together, in Form 3A. He was a personality even in school. He was prominent, outgoing, tall and strong. I remember once he had a long talk with me down the stairs and along the corridor of the school, about what I cannot recall now, most likely kung-fu.

I still keep the Thank-you card which his family sent me (attached); it came as a shock to note that it is 15 years since his passing -- a remarkable Wahyanite. May he rest in eternal peace!

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(This In Memoriam was compiled by Wong Hin-shing with the assistance of Yu Fong-ying, March 2, 2017.)