

# Family to continue late philanthropist's deeds

**GEORGE TOWN:** The family of the late businessman Datuk Low Meng Tak (*pic*) will set up a foundation in his name to carry on his philanthropic works.

His eldest son, Datuk Larry Low, said the family was in the process of setting up the Low Meng Tak Foundation to fulfil his father's wish of helping to eradicate poverty.

The elder Low, who died at the age of 92 in his sleep yesterday, had come to Malaysia from Puning in China during the early 1940s when he was still in his teens.

"As he left China without any edu-

cation, he ensured that the people in Puning were not deprived of it.

"He donated money to build schools in Puning back in the 1970s and even sponsored scholarships for thousands of primary school students there," Larry said, adding that his father also helped build medical centres in the city which is located in Guandong Province.

He said his father also gave back to the local community as he was thankful for what Malaysia had done for him in terms of his success.

"He contributed money as well as time to educational institutions,

associations and charitable organisations.

"He especially did not forget the Teochew community who supported him when he first arrived in Penang," Larry said, adding that his father served as president and a committee member of the Penang Teochew Association for 30 years.

Larry said his father first ventured into the hardware and trading business before expanding into the plantation and investment sectors.

Meng Tak leaves behind his wife, four of his six children and 15 grandchildren.

