

LI KA-SHING Industry: Business Country of Citizenship: China Li was born into an impoverished family in China in 1928. In fact, he is one of Asia's most prominent philanthropists, and has announced plans to donate one-third of his wealth to charity. His company prospered, which led Li to expand his business into many different fields. By 1950, Li had started his own plastics manufacturing company. Li Ka-shing has a reputation for being honest and generous. When he was 15, his father died, forcing Li to leave high school so that he could work to support his family. At this company, Li used to assemble plastic flowers. However, his successes are not all monetary. He took a job in a plastics company, where he would work 16 hours a day.