


# Malaysia, China, Chicago: A Surgeon's Vision Brings a Chinatown Museum to Life

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Dr. Kim K. Tee, one of the six founders of the [Chinese American Museum of Chicago](#), came from modest beginnings. One of 13 children born to Chinese refugees who fled to Malaysia, Dr. Tee credits education, working hard—and most importantly, luck. As someone who has donated his time in a variety of ways, the orthopedic foot and ankle surgeon has helped create a legacy for the Chinese community in Chicago and supported causes around the world, too.

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