

The emperor's teacher inscribed the name of the factory

Weng Tonghe (1830-1904), born in Jiangsu. He was a teacher of Emperor Tongzhi and Emperor Guangxu, serving as the Minister of Revenue and Minister of Military Affairs. The six characters "Changyu Brewery Company" were personally written by him and have had a significant impact on the development of Changyu Company.

During the early days of Chang Yu's founding, there was a great deal of attention and effort in selecting a specific character to write about the entrance. Zhang Bishi and others believe that the calligrapher must have a considerable official status and be proficient in calligraphy and calligraphy, which means that this person must have a certain "weight". Finally, someone suggested that Weng Tonghe, who was then the Minister of Revenue, Minister of Military Affairs, and the teacher of Emperor Guangxu, should write the entrance. Zhang Bishi thought it was the most appropriate. Weng Tonghe had heard of Zhang Bishi for a long time, and with his admiration for his industrial patriotic sentiment, he readily accepted Zhang Bishi's explanation of the situation.

A few days later, Weng Tonghe handed over the six large characters of "Changyu Brewing Company", which were polished and polished, to Changyu Company in one go. However, Weng Tonghe only charged 50 taels of silver for each character as a gesture of courtesy. Later, the Changyu Company had people paint and engrave "Changyu Brewing Company" directly above the gate according to Weng Tonghe's inscription, attracting many pedestrians to stop and watch.