

# **Inheritance Disputes** of Cantopop Diva



How testamentary trust protected Anita Mui's millions worth of assets?









In 2001, Anita Mui was diagnosed with cervical cancer. In 2003, She set up a family trust to handle nearly 100 million Hong Kong dollars of assets in her name, and her mother (Tam Mei Kam) was the main beneficiary in her estate.



Photo source: Net Ease







### Addicted to gambling



According to Hong Kong Oriental news, Anita Mui realized that her mother was poor at financial management and addicted to gambling. Anita was concerned that giving Tam control of her estate would cause her to spend the money unwisely, preferring to ensure Tam would lead a comfortable life by giving her a regular allowance for the rest of her days.



Article source: Orientalsunday.hk











Anita set up a testamentary trust to control her mother's inheritance. After her demise, the trustee shall pay her mother HKD70,000 (RM37,291) per month as living expenses according to her trust instructions.







# **Spendthrift Beneficiary**



However, Tam was not happy with such arrangement. She felt that HKD70,000 a month could not meet her living and entertainment needs. She wanted to claim her daughter's estate all at once.







She challenged the validity of the Will by claiming that Anita signed the Will in a state of unconsciousness. Finally, the Hong Kong High Court declared that the Will made by Anita Mui before her death was valid and her mother lost the case.



Photo source: The Straits Times









#### What If Anita Mui did not set up a testamentary trust in her Will?

#### Her mother would just use her inheritance however she likes!







