

Citation for
Ieoh-Ming PEI, Esq.

Mr. Pei is an architect with a world-wide reputation. His name has been associated with numerous major building projects in the United States, including the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library in Cambridge, Massachusetts; the City Hall in Dallas, Texas; the East-West Center in Honolulu; the University Plaza of New York University; and the National Airlines Terminal at the J.F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City, just to mention a few.

After his early education in China and Hong Kong, Mr. Pei attended universities in the United States. He obtained the degree of Bachelor of Architecture from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1939 and the degree of Master of Architecture from Harvard University in 1946. He practised his profession in Boston, New York City and Los Angeles, and taught at the Harvard Graduate School of Design from 1945 to 1948. He then served as Director of the Architectural Division of the well-known American firm, Webb & Knapp, Inc. until 1955, when he founded I.M. Pei & Partners in New York City, an internationally renowned architectural firm to this day.

Mr. Pei has not only been involved in creating new buildings, but has also been actively engaged in several major redevelopment plans in the United States, especially the Cleveland Government Centre Redevelopment Plan in Boston, Downtown Redevelopment Plan in Oklahoma City and the Redevelopment Plan for Southwest Washington, D.C.

Mr. Pei has been honoured by leading American academic and professional bodies, and has been elected to membership in the National Council of Humanities, the National Institute of Arts and Letters, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Design, and the Urban Design Council. He is also the recipient of the Alpha Rho Psi Medal of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Medal of the American Institute of Architects, Arnold Brunner Award of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, and Medal of Honour of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Pei has given valuable professional advice to The Chinese University of Hong Kong on the planning and development of its new campus site. He visited the campus in November 1966, and has kept in close touch with the physical development of this University since then. In recognition of his outstanding professional contributions and services to our University, Ieoh-Ming Pei is being warmly commended to Your Excellency as a worthy candidate for the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.