

Honorary Fellow A Citation



Mr Hamilton Hau Hay Ho, BA

“A family that accumulates goodness is sure to have superabundant happiness.” This is a famous quotation from the *Yi Jing*, a classical work on Chinese thought. This is most appropriate when applied to the family of Mr Hamilton Ho. Today, as we re-read the *Yi Jing*, we may add an interpretative extension: “A family that accumulates goodness is sure to have superabundant happiness. Such a family also invariably carries on a fine tradition.”

Mr Ho’s father was the late banker, entrepreneur and philanthropist Dr Ho Tim. While blessing his descendants with grace and prosperity, Dr Ho also endowed Mr Hamilton Ho with his benevolent character.

With his forefathers coming from the Panyu Prefecture, Mr Hamilton Ho completed his early education in Hong Kong. As an intelligent and industrious student, he proceeded to the United States for his university education and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree, graduating from the University of the Pacific in California in 1976. Mr Ho succeeded to the immense business responsibilities of his family and, upon return to Hong Kong, took part in the management and operation of the family’s extensive business enterprises, including investments on real estate and securities, as well as restaurant and cinema businesses. At present Mr Ho is the Executive Director of Honorway Investments Limited and Tak Hung (Holding) Company Limited, Director of Dah Chong Hong Holdings Limited, and Independent Non-executive Director of publicly listed companies including New World Development Company Limited, CITIC Pacific Limited and King Fook Holdings Limited.

Mr Ho has been an ardent supporter of public and social services, and takes a particular interest in the development of social service in Mainland China and in Hong Kong. He is currently the Director of the Ho Ching Kai Scholarship Fund Committee of the Shunde Chen Chun Secondary School, member of the Chi Lin Elderly Services Management Committee, the Chi Lin Nunnery External Affairs Management Committee and Tang Shiu Kin and Ho Tim Charitable Fund Management Committee, and a representative of the donors of the Ho Leung Ho Lee Foundation. The Ho Leung Ho Lee Foundation was established in 1994 and presents a considerable number of awards to Chinese scholars who have made significant achievements in the realms of scientific and medical research. In October 2003, the City of Guangzhou presented an Honorary Citizenship to Mr Ho in recognition of his outstanding contributions.

Mr Ho and his family have made tremendous offerings to educational and medical services in the Mainland. Dr Ho Tim, the late father of Mr Ho, made substantial donations to the Panyu People’s Hospital in his hometown for the construction of a medical block, the Bi Qiu Building, and the Ho Tim Health Care Centre. Dr Ho also funded the establishment of the Ho Ching Kai School, the Panyu Polytechnic, the Ho Tim Centre for Young Children in Shi Lou township and the Chen Chun Middle School of Shunde. In the footsteps of his father Mr Hamilton Ho, together



with his family, presented the Panyu People's Hospital with Ching Kai Lau, a new outpatient building. He also assisted in the selection of advanced medical equipment from overseas and the shipment of these appliances to Panyu.

Besides medicine and education, Mr Ho has demonstrated exemplary benevolence to the elderly and the underprivileged. Since 1996, he has served on several committees of the Chi Lin Nunnery, contributing significantly to the Chi Lin Nunnery's rebuilding, management and elderly services. And being a commercial leader with enormous demands on his time makes Mr Ho's work for the elderly even more admirable and commendable.

Positioned in Hong Kong, Mr Ho sets his sights both within and beyond Hong Kong. His contributions to the Chinese University have been especially significant. For the past 40 years, Mr Ho and his family have shown exceptional generosity to CUHK, having repeatedly sponsored the academic and infrastructural development of its constituent colleges. At the same time, he is also the Trustee of the Chan Chun Ha Charitable Trust. In recent years, the Trust has made a magnanimous donation to sponsor the construction of a Chan Chun Ha Hostel at United College—a 10-storey structure that can accommodate 300 students. The Faculty of Education and the Institute of Chinese Medicine are also beneficiaries of the Ho's family funds and the Chan Chun Ha Charitable Trust which have pledged their continued support for the enhancement of hostel facilities for the University and its colleges.

Over the years, Mr Hamilton Ho has upheld and exemplified his family's long tradition of charity. Countless students have benefited from his munificence. Mr Hamilton Ho's contribution to society and in particular to the Chinese University has been outstanding. Mr Chairman, may I now present Mr Hamilton Hau Hay Ho for the award of an Honorary Fellowship.