

## Honorary Fellow A Citation



### Professor Chang Shu Ting, OBE, BSc, MSc, PhD

In 1960, the American poet Sylvia Plath published her first book of poems, titled *The Colossus*. Among the works in this collection there is an interesting short poem which speaks of something that occurs in multitudes:

*Bland-mannered, asking little or nothing,  
So many of us! ...  
We are meek, we are edible, ...  
Our kind multiplies: We shall by morning  
Inherit the earth.  
Our foot's in the door.*

The poet is, of course, referring to mushrooms, which also provide the poem with its title. Critics have held diverse opinions as to the use of mushrooms as a metaphor here and, given the age in which the poem was written, many are inclined to read it as a piece advancing the cause of feminism, or advocating the liberation of women. At about the same time, very serious research on mushrooms, not metaphorically but actually on fungi of the order *Agaricales*, was being pursued in earnest by a young Chinese scientist at the University of Wisconsin. He completed his PhD in the same year Ms Plath's book came out in London, and from that time on he has been engaged in a lifelong academic career dedicated to the realization of a vision no less prophetic than the poet's, bringing immense benefits to human life in more ways than one.

Professor Chang Shu Ting, Emeritus Professor of Biology at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, was born in 1930. He graduated with a BSc degree from Taiwan University in 1953, and in 1956 he proceeded to postgraduate studies at the University of Wisconsin, obtaining his MSc in 1958 and the PhD in 1960. His association with the Chinese University, which to date has lasted over half a century, began immediately afterwards when he took up an assistant lectureship in the Biology Department. He retired from the Chair of Biology in 1995, and was appointed Emeritus Professor upon cessation of active teaching service.

The main research interests of Professor Chang have always been mushroom biology, mushroom technology for cultivation, and mushroom biotechnology for tonic and medicinal products. Mushrooms, in its many varieties, has been part of the human diet as early as the days of the ancient Egyptians, except that these clever people of antiquity associated it with immortality and confined its consumption to the court and the nobility. Originally eaten as they were picked in the field, mushrooms came to be cultivated extensively both in Asia and the West, and became delicacies that adorned the most exalted tables in many countries. While the haute cuisine of France would lose its spirit without its *champignons and truffes*; Chinese cooks, Northern and Southern, cannot dispense with their dried shiitakes and straw mushrooms. The ground-breaking research efforts of Professor Chang first took the international mycological



community by storm when, in 1969, he successfully demonstrated the growing of straw mushrooms by using cotton waste from the textile industry in Hong Kong. This innovation was followed by the introduction of the use of protoplast techniques to breed high temperature strains of shiitake mushrooms. He laid the foundation for mushroom biology and mushroom biotechnology to be established as academic disciplines, and introduced the term and concept of “mushroom nutraceuticals”, together with Professor J A Buswell, in 1996. Further breakthrough came in 1998, when the cultivation of edible and medicinal mushrooms was recognized, for the first time, as the “Non-green Revolution,” on account of the value of mushrooms as food, health tonic, medicine, animal feed, and fertilizer, the protection and regeneration of the environment that the cultivation process would entail, and the equitable economic benefits that it could generate. He has authored or co-authored over 200 articles in scientific journals, and 21 books and booklets, which cover the fields of fungal genetics, mushroom biology, mushroom cultivation, medicinal mushroom products, and lignocellulosic biomass wastes management and utilization.

Apart from his teaching and research activities at CUHK, Professor Chang has also contributed significantly to scientific research on the national and international levels. He holds honorary professorships and advisorships at institutions of advanced research in Guangzhou, Hebei, Hubei, Yunnan, Zhejiang, Shaanxi, and in the cities of Taiyuan, Beijing and Shanghai, and was active as an organizer, facilitator, and contributor in various conferences and training programmes organized by UNESCO, FAO, UNDP/UNOPS and other international bodies on mushroom cultivation, conservation, solid waste disposal, and microbiological research, both in Southeast Asia and various parts of the western world. Professor Chang has also been a Consultant by special invitation, on mushrooms, its cultivation and related products, to the Commonwealth Secretariat in London, and the governments of Colombia, Brazil, the United States, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Kuwait, Syria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia, Bangladesh, Japan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand. He has been referred to as the “Mushroom Missionary”, travelling five continents and teaching mushroom biology.

In Hong Kong, Professor Chang’s services to the community at large are particularly significant: on many occasions he headed official delegations, appointed by the Government, to international conferences, and he was also an active member of a number of influential advisory and executive committees including the earlier Committee on Science and Technology, and the Research Grants Council. Away from the corridors of power on Upper Albert Road and the ivory towers of the university campuses, Professor Chang has also been somewhat a legend among both gourmets and gourmands in Hong Kong, for the high quality of the cultivated mushrooms that he midwived, and the new varieties that he introduced to the local wet markets and restaurants. Seldom does one meet a research scientist the fruit of whose labour touches the life of the man in the street so directly, and so well.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong was the home-base for Professor Chang’s long career as a researcher and discoverer, and he distinguished himself in his services to the University,



much to the praise and admiration of colleagues and students alike. He was at various stages of his CUHK career the Chairman of the Department of Biology, the Dean of Science, the Director of Student Affairs, the Director of the Institute of Science and Technology, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the University Library System, the Director of the Chinese Medicinal Material Research Centre, and the Chairman of the Science Centre Management Committee. At a time when the University was responding to the constitutional changes proposed in the Second Fulton Report, Professor Chang showed his judicious vision and audacious foresight as an administrator, and in many ways helped build the infrastructure in readiness for the rapid developments of CUHK in the 21st century. Professor Chang, in his capacity as Director of Student Affairs, is well remembered by those who served on the Executive Committee of the Chinese University Student Union for his affable and easy-going manners, his genuine interest in listening to them in frequent meetings and dialogues, and in bringing their ideas up for consideration by the University's senior management whenever he thought the Union had a reasonable point. Among the many innovations that were introduced during his Directorship, the Benjamin Franklin Centre was thoroughly revamped to become the first hub of student activities on campus, and the Student Union and its subsidiary operations were also given a decent and spacious home for the first time.

With his illustrious contributions to learning, and to people's livelihood, at the regional, national and global levels, it is only appropriate that Professor Chang should have been honoured by governments and civic bodies all over the world. In 1994, he was made an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. He was presented with the Silver Magnolia Award by the People's Municipal Government of Shanghai in 2004, elected a Fellow of the World Technology Network in 2005, received the West Lake Friendship Award of Zhejiang Province in 2008, and China's Friendship Award in 2009. He is a Fellow of the World Academy of Arts and Science, and an Honorary Life Fellow of the British Mycological Society as well as the International Society for Mushroom Science. Currently he is the Vice-President of the World Society for Mushroom Biology and Mushroom Products, Director of the Hong Kong Microbiological Resources Centre, a UNESCO-sponsored facility, the Director of the Centre for International Services to Mushroom Biotechnology under the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and the Editor of *the International Journal of Medicinal Mushroom*.

Mr Chairman, Professor Chang Shu Ting has dedicated himself to a lifetime of services for science, for research, and for the betterment of life of the people of the world. We at the Chinese University are proud of his achievements, and happy to have enjoyed his loyal service and wise counsels as an academic and an administrator for many decades. It is now my privilege to present to you Professor Chang Shu Ting for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

## Honorary Fellow A Citation



### **Mr Fung Siu To, Clement, BAsC, FHKIE, FHKIoD**

Mr Fung Siu To, Clement grew up in Hong Kong in the 1950's and 60's, a time of poor material conditions when most people in the territory worked hard, lived humbly, and were kind towards others. This laid favourable foundations for the later development of society. As a child, Mr Fung's mother instilled in him a profound care for people and matters around him, which eventually gave rise to a charitable disposition in the young man. Later when his career took off, he would silently support charitable causes for the good of the people. Mr Fung's experience and his life of service are fine examples of the importance of industry and giving that lies at the core of Hong Kong's "Lion's Rock" values.

As a student in Canada, Mr Fung worked part-time to pay for his tuition and living expenses. That enriched his life experience, enabling him to make the acquaintance of people from all walks of life, and allowing him to understand that only by helping each other out, and giving, regardless of nationality and ethnicity, that we can become better versions of ourselves. In the face of constricting financial circumstances, Mr Fung maintained his drive to improve as well as a broad and open mind. For a period of time, he would only get off work after "lights-off" in the dormitory, and he would go to the attic of the chapel, where he would study at a ping-pong table. Dim as the light might be, and difficult the subject of calculus might be, he nonetheless persevered and made great strides in his academic performance, so much so that he even tutored some of his less able classmates.

Mr Fung received a Bachelor of Applied Science (Civil Engineering) from the University of Waterloo in 1976. After graduation, he stayed in Canada where he worked for several years before returning to Hong Kong. Back home, his competence and confidence landed him jobs in large, reputable corporations which entrusted him with major projects. Mr Fung subsequently founded his own business and remains active in the professional and commercial sector to this day. At present, he is the Chairman of Asia Standard International Group Ltd and Chairman and Executive Director of Asia Orient Holdings Ltd, Executive Director of Asia Standard Hotel Group Ltd, and independent non-executive director of New Times Energy Corporation Ltd. He is also a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers and the Hong Kong Institution of Directors.

Committed to charity, Mr Fung has been giving back to society through the rendering of actual services. His public duties have included part-time member of the Central Policy Unit of the HKSAR Government (2005–06), member of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, member of the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce, member of the Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong, member of the Federation of Hong Kong Hotel Owners, and member of the Yunnan Overseas Economic Cooperation and Promotion Association. He is especially involved in education for the youth. Besides his zealous participation in the affairs of The



Chinese University of Hong Kong, he is a consultant and a visiting professor to Yunnan Normal University Business School, Honorable Principal of a number of “Hope Schools” in China and a board member of the Escola Chong Tak de Macau.

Yet Mr Fung makes light of his wealth of experience and his achievements, because he believes that by consistently being modest, down-to-earth and industrious, anyone can achieve what he did. He is of the view that opportunities come to those who are sincere, hard-working and fearless of responsibility. University graduates who do not mind a humble starting salary and who patiently acquire experience will find opportunities knocking on their doors. He encourages students to serve society and to get into contact with the grassroots in order to understand how other people live, and to contemplate how they can contribute.

Mr Fung admits that in his youth, he greatly admired students of the Chinese University because of their privilege of studying in an academic ambience with a beautiful natural environment. But his finding his path to CUHK had to wait until some years later. One of his tennis partners was Professor Yeung Yue Man, then Head of Shaw College, who invited him to join in the service for the College. As he was in agreement with the educational ideals of the College and of CUHK, he readily accepted. In 1997, he joined Shaw College as a member of its Board of Trustees. In 2008, he became the Second Vice-chairman of the Board, and in September 2011, succeeded Professor Ma Lin as the Chairman of the Board.

Mr Fung’s involvement in the Central Policy Unit of the HKSAR Government led him to a deeper understanding of the hardships faced by people living in remote areas and by disadvantaged groups in society. He launched the Caring Heart Community Service Project Scheme in Shaw College and recruited students and encouraged them to propose service projects. Over the years, the scheme has been well received by students, and has become one of the highlight activities of the College. Students are responsible for proposing ideas as well as their execution, and their service targets are disadvantaged groups including single-parent families, orphans, the physically disabled, and the elderly. At the end of the scheme, Mr Fung would always take part in the students’ sharing sessions, and through these, have made friends with many of them. Despite the triumph of his brainchild, Mr Fung remains characteristically modest, attributing it to the efforts of the students while claiming he has only provided the necessary conditions for its success. He said modestly, “I’m a single match-stick but I hope to kindle a ball of fire.”

Mr Fung has also been actively involved in policy-making and development at the Chinese University. Since 2002, he has been a member of the Campus Planning and Building Committee. In May 2011, he became a member of the University Council. In June the same year, he was appointed a member of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Organizing Committee. His duties at CUHK are so vast and many that they have taken up over half of the time he devotes to social services.



A humorous and broad-minded man, Mr Fung is charismatic and approachable, exuding an amicability that is easily detected. His mother, who had only received primary school education, was the inspiration and the motivation for his generosity. Old Mrs Fung had taught him to keep his feet firmly planted in the ground, to maintain a low profile and to take pleasure in service to others. He recalls that despite their less-than-favourable financial circumstances, his mother would lend support to relatives, neighbours or even strangers in need. To this day, he still remembers how she personally enacted what she preached. Mr Fung Siu To, Clement has been quietly and stoically toiling in both his public and private lives, while never flaunting his laurels. He keeps people's good deeds in mind and never holds a grudge. As long as he is able to, he would loosen his purse-strings for others, whether old friends or poor students he has never met. And he would do so efficiently, unrelentingly, thoughtfully, and without a grumble, good-naturedly doing charity while chatting and laughing.

Mr Chairman, Mr Fung Siu To, Clement has made enormous contributions to Shaw College and to the Chinese University through helping to nurture students, promote campus development, and raise funds. He has set a brilliant example for our young, exhibiting the very qualities found in the College slogan, "Excellence with a Soul, Leadership with a Heart" and facilitating the betterment of humankind, as upheld by the University mission. Mr Chairman, may I now present Mr Fung Siu To, Clement for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

## Honorary Fellow A Citation



### **Professor Jin Sheng Hwa, Serena, OBE, JtDip, MA, Doctorat de 3e Cycle en Littérature et Civilisation Françaises**

As the one of the most important hubs of East West Interchange, Hong Kong today is fortunate to be endowed with a large contingent of excellent translators, among whom are some of the best and most renowned in the world. That had not been the case until the closing decades of the last century, when formal education in translation, commenced in the early 1970's, began to bear fruit. For the rich harvest in bilingual talent that Hong Kong today enjoys, we owe a debt of deep gratitude to Professor Jin Sheng Hwa.

Professor Jin is one of the most well known members of the Chinese University Community. She studied English at Chung Chi College, and upon graduation, she proceeded to the United States for further studies, gaining a Master's Degree, and then, she went on to the Sorbonne in Paris, where she graduated with a doctorate in Literature and Civilization.

In 1965, she returned to the Chinese University to teach and in 1972, she was a founding member of the Department of Translation. The Translation Department was the first such department in any university in Hong Kong. Professor Jin was Chairman of the Department from 1993 to 1998. Her dedication to teaching and her leadership, turned the Department of Translation into one of the most celebrated institutions of the University.

The Department of Translation has over the years produced some of the best bilingual talent for Hong Kong. The Translation Degree Course of this University is one of the most sought after university courses in Hong Kong and attracts the very best university entrance applicants. The Translation Department has also among its faculty, some of the most renowned scholars in the field and constantly redefines the frontiers of scholarship in the field.

Professor Jin has published prolifically in the field of translation. She is an authoritative translator of the works of Joseph Conrad, John Updike, Carson McCullers and Michael Bullock. She published an enduring work in the *Life and Work of Fou Lai*, one of the most accomplished and revered translators from the French language in the last century. She is at the same time a published creative writer, with an increasingly wide following.

Apart from being dedicated teacher, leader of the Department of Translation, and author of academic works and creative writer, Professor Jin had taken more than her fair share of the running of the University. She was Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Arts from 1998 to 2001 and a member of the University Council from 1992 to 1995 and from 1999 to 2005. She was Public Orator of the University, a most onerous position, as I have found. She has always been and continues to be a stalwart member of the governing council of New Asia College and spares no effort in promoting the cultural activities of the College in keeping with the tone set by its illustrious Founder, the late Ch'ien Mu.



It is only fitting that when Professor Jin retired in 2005 from her full time teaching position in the University, her appointment as Emeritus Professor of Translation was attended to by unanimous acclaim of the Council. Despite her retirement, Professor Jin continues to take an active part in the academic activities of the Translation Department and in promoting the art of translation and creative writing in Hong Kong.

By any measure, Professor Jin is an extraordinary person who has made extraordinary contribution to the University, and to Hong Kong. One might then, perhaps pause to consider what makes such a person “tick”.

I first came to know Professor Jin in the late 1980’s when we served as the first members of the Bilingual Laws Advisory Committee. We continued with our work until 1997, when we completed our review of the Chinese version of the entire collection of Ordinances and Regulations in the Laws of Hong Kong.

In the Saturday mornings when we would regularly meet for nearly seven years, I came to know how fashioning the Chinese version of something as dry and outwardly uninteresting as a piece of legislation couched in nineteenth century English legal language, could be turned into a fascinating intellectual adventure. I had thought that we were merely involved in finding the equivalent Chinese words but Professor Jin with her inexhaustible passion for language convinced the whole Committee that we were creating a new legal language, which on the one hand did not parse the original language, as that was the function of the courts, and on the other, should make good sense in current usage of the Chinese language, which was the function of the Committee.

I still have fond memories of our Bilingual Laws Advisory Committee meetings. Professor Jin has a great capacity to turn the mundane or even the boring, into the most appealing intellectual feast. Hours would pass as if they were minutes. The legacy of the intellectual discipline which Professor Jin had insisted should be brought into the process of preparing the Chinese version thus became embedded in the Laws of Hong Kong.

The imprint which Professor Jin has left on the pages of the Laws of Hong Kong is repeated in the many other ways she has touched the life of others.

For over a quarter of a century, Professor Jin has run a Master of Arts in Translation Course, the central feature in which is the celebrated “Translation Workshop”. Each of the students engaged in the translation of a substantial work, to be exchanged for mutual critique and the critique of Professor Jin. The graduates of this course are among the top ranks of the bilingual talents of our community. One graduate vividly remembers the five features of a good translation, epitomizing the approach of Professor Jin to the discipline:

- Elegance of language
- Clarity of Purpose
- Understanding of content
- Power of Expression and
- Connection with audience.





Another former student describes Professor Jin as a person who has every reason to be proud of her erudition as a scholar and her vast talents as a translator and yet she conducts herself with humility and elegance. That is an apt description of a pioneer who has carved a wide and ensuring path in translation. It is a path whose importance clearly speaks for itself. Professor Jin is a person who never extols her own virtues and yet, her accomplishments are there for all to see.

But perhaps the most apt accolade that could be bestowed on Professor Jin may be found in her own attitude towards the practice of her profession. In the preface to her book *On the Road to Translation*, she says:

“Actually, translation may be compared to life. Translation is like life because in life, one’s path is never straight nor is there ever plain sailing, but now and again along one’s dim and tortured path, one would encounter the exquisite beauty of a thousand blooms, each competing for admiration or the bedazzling splendour of a thousand mountains and caverns, each vying for attention. That knowledge would be motivation enough for continuing with the journey or for future travellers to attempt the same.”

This is an attitude which one should commend to all who aspire to excel!

Mr Chairman, I have the privilege to commend to you Professor Jin Sheng Hwa, Serena, linguist and scholar par excellence, and most of all, beloved member of the Chinese University community, for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

*This citation is written by Dr Anthony Neoh, QC, SC*

## Honorary Fellow A Citation



### **Professor Lee Hon Ching, MFA**

Professor Lee Hon Ching is from Xinhui in Guangdong. An artist based in the US who has specialized in sculpture and printmaking, he is a long-term supporter of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. The Lee family has a distinguished history. Members of Professor Lee's father's generation, and of his own, achieved prominence in the business world. However, Professor Lee is not the same and he decided to follow his own path. With both talent and aspiration from a young age, he fell in love with art. Travelling the world, sailing the seven seas, studying and working, his path led him repeatedly to achieve and then re-set his goals as an artist. He is now a philanthropist who cares for the education of the younger generation, and has for many years strongly supported education, research, academic development and student planning at CUHK. He plans carefully and works tirelessly, returning to Hong Kong every year to personally participate in encouraging various types of art and art education and enrichment.

Professor Lee showed an early interest in calligraphy and drawing – in all forms of art – and received instruction from well-known teachers after school. He was taught Sinology by Chan Shuen Chun and Wu Tianren, calligraphy by She Xueman and Xie Xi, and traditional Chinese painting, watercolor and oil painting by Luis Chan, Wong Lui Sang and Wong Chiu Foon. This established a good artistic foundation. After graduating from Clementi Secondary School, he went to America to pursue his studies, initially studying architecture at the University of Kansas and then the University of California at Berkeley. He studied art at the University of Oregon, receiving the Master of Fine Arts (sculpture) with honors in 1967. Professor Lee has wide-ranging interests in the field of art, and rich knowledge and experience. He has pursued studies, including post-graduate work. In sculpture and printmaking at five US universities, and has conducted investigative research at many museums and art galleries in the US, Europe, Japan, Taiwan and elsewhere.

It could be said that by coming to understand the marvels of various schools and bringing together the unique essences of East and West, Professor Lee became a knowledgeable, erudite, stylistically unique and outstanding artist and scholar. From 1965 to 1985, he taught art — eventually with the rank of full Professor — at the University of Oregon and then at Rockford College. Also at Rockford, he was for eleven years the Director of the Clark Arts Center Gallery, where he organized many major art exhibitions including an international biennale of prints and drawings. From 1990 to 2005, he was a special lecturer for the International Symposium of the Northwest Stone Sculptors Association in the US. He was also appointed to serve as an Arts Commissioner for the City of Bellevue, Washington.

Professor Lee's art works cover numerous categories, are highly original and feature multiple perspectives. They are not limited to a single style but do center on sculpture and prints. His works have been shown in invitational and competitive exhibitions, in both group



and individual shows, throughout the US as well as in Hong Kong and Taiwan, for nearly fifty years. Professor Lee has developed a detailed understanding of each step of the processes he uses to create his various types of art. He is then able to use them freely, and his works come together naturally, fusing East and West, showing much through simplicity, providing rules for the abstract, and showing the artist's character through his style.

Professor Lee Hon Ching and CUHK have a deep relationship and a longstanding friendship marked by cooperation. He has served as Art Advisor to Chung Chi College and United College for many years. Through his planning and assistance, the Hop Wai Arts and Cultural Development Fund has been established and well-known artists and scholars have been invited to visit Hong Kong. Moreover, he has personally visited CUHK, helping to organize art exhibitions, presenting lectures and art workshops, giving both personal and collaborative demonstrations, expending both money and effort to actively encourage artistic development and understanding and various cultural activities at Chung Chi and United Colleges. He has implemented Confucius's advice to "set your will on the path of truth, dedicate yourself to the pursuit of learning, form your mind and body in the arts" and has thereby turned art education into a core part of learning at the two colleges. The faculty and students have benefited from his teaching.

Professor Lee is a person of simple tastes who reveres nature, recognizes emptiness and does not pursue luxury. In supporting the younger generation, he is always warm-hearted, generous and attentive. He has established a number of scholarships at CUHK, and provided financial assistance to students of Chinese medicine and those of Chinese and Western culture, history and the arts. He has conducted specialist research and short-term studies, with dozens of young students reaping the benefits for more than ten years. He has also supported programmes in art and culture at Chung Chi and United Colleges, the Institute of Chinese Medicine at CUHK in conducting research combining traditional medicine with modern techniques, and various units such as the Hong Kong Literature Research Centre for the Department of Chinese Language and Literature, the School of Life Sciences and the Art Museum. He also helps plan the relevant activities. It can be said that his contribution to all aspects of CUHK development has been considerable.

Mr Chairman, to recognize Professor Lee Hon Ching's artistic achievements and the artistic style he has upheld, the influence of a solid education and the assistance and support he has provided to so many aspects of The Chinese University of Hong Kong — and, indeed, the noble character which keeps him from claiming credit for himself — may I present to you Professor Lee Hon Ching for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

## Honorary Fellow A Citation



### Dr Lo Tak Shing, Peter, BSc, MSc, PhD

The Book of Han asserts that *“Those in authority regard the people as Heaven and the people regard food as Heaven”* (王者以民為天，而民以食為天). This dictum has defined Chinese society for centuries and I would argue, still defines Chinese society. It is recognition not only of the central importance of food in the well-being of our society but also the responsibility of those in authority and by extension, those with influence and ability, to contribute to the well-being of the People. These are values Dr Lo and members of his family have stood for and have practiced, and in so doing, they have greatly benefited both the University and the community.

Dr Lo was born in Hong Kong to a family, some of whose members had, by the time of his birth, become acknowledged pioneers in bringing to the community a readily available but inexpensive source of protein derived from the soya bean. This became known as Vitasoy, a drink familiar to everyone in Hong Kong and, increasingly in the past three decades, people around the world. The drink was soymilk, but few realized the important breakthrough in food technology that it was or how significant an impact it made on our community.

Whilst soymilk had been popular for centuries as a Hakka staple, no one had been able to make the drink stay good for more than a day, let alone bottling and distributing it to a large community. This important food technology breakthrough enabled an inexpensive source of protein and essential amino acids to be brought into the diet of the growing and far from affluent post Second World War community of Hong Kong. As we can all recall, there was immense growth in Hong Kong’s population in the 1950’s and 1960’s. In the course of these 20 years Hong Kong was transforming itself into a manufacturing powerhouse. Although no specific studies have been conducted on the impact of Vitasoy to this success, recent studies have shown that there is clear linkage between nutrition and economic development and soymilk does contribute to good health.

By the time Dr Lo finished his secondary education in Hong Kong, our community was in the midst of yet another transformation. The Pearl River Delta was about to take Hong Kong’s place as the manufacturing powerhouse, while Hong Kong was transforming itself into a world-class city offering world-class services.

It was in the midst of these changes that Dr Lo began his undergraduate studies in Electronic Engineering and Physics at Loughborough University of Technology in the UK. Upon graduation, he pursued graduate studies in Medical Physics, obtaining first, a Master’s Degree from the University of Surrey and later a Doctorate from the United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy’s and St Thomas’s Hospitals, London University. In the next few years, he pursued a research career but in the end, family duty calls.

In 1996, he came back to join the family business. By this time, Vitasoy had become an international brand, bringing drinks with high nutritional value to all corners of globe. The family business had also, by then, diversified.



Dr Lo's father, Mr Lo Kai Muk (羅開睦), who had worked for his father, Dr Lo Kwee Seong, at Vitasoy through the 1950's and 1960's, had gone into yet another food venture for the masses, this time in the area of fast food. It is Café de Coral (大家樂). Like Vitasoy, it is now also a household name. Café de Coral started as a solitary restaurant in 1969. By the mid-1990's, the venture had grown to a chain of over 170 outlets in Hong Kong and in mainland China under various brands. It was successful but it was competing in a sea of restaurants with a vast array of food on offer to an increasingly discriminating public.

It is a tribute to the versatility of Dr Lo that he could immediately translate his skills as a research scientist to the skills expected of a member of the management team of a fast food chain operating in an extremely competitive environment. Since the 1990's, the management team of Café de Coral has not only reshaped the landscape of the fast food industry but also redefined the concept of fast food. Fast food had been perceived as unappetizing and unhealthy. But you would now think differently. Walking into a Café de Coral restaurant, as I often do, you will find not only efficient and cheerful service, but appetizing and healthy food, at prices that would not break your bank account. Even the cleaning ladies would now and again have a friendly word with the patrons as they go about their chores. Café de Coral is an organization of people who are true to their motto of "Achieving (for you) a Hundred Points of Excellence" (為您做足一百分).

Café de Coral, like Vitasoy, is now a global company with substantial businesses in Hong Kong, mainland China and North America. But as we can see, the success of Dr Peter Lo's family in business has been built upon a strong conviction of serving others. This strong conviction finds equal expression in philanthropy. The late Dr Lo Kwee Seong founded the K S Lo Foundation in 1991 to promote vocational and technical education, culture and art, and other worthy causes, among which the University was one of the chief beneficiaries.

Under Dr Lo's chairmanship, the Foundation has made donations of antique ceramics to the University Museum, in addition to supporting the establishment of the Lo Kwee Seong Research Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, the K S Lo Foundation Scholarship and continuing work in epilepsy research. In 2010, the Foundation further donated HK\$150 million to support the University's research efforts in the Biomedical Sciences. A third of this generous donation has been earmarked for research in the agricultural sciences, in particular the development of staple food sources including the soya bean. The remainder of the donation will go into funding for the research and development work to be carried out in the Lo Kwee Seong Integrated Biomedical Sciences Building, benefitting our community, our mother country as one of the world's most populous nations and all of mankind. The Foundation will leave a legacy far beyond the monetary value of its generous donation. That is why Dr Lo is keeping a keen and continuing interest in the biomedical research activities of the University. Long may he continue to do this.

Mr Chairman, it is a privilege to present you, Dr Lo Tak Shing, Peter, Scientist, Practitioner of the Art of Management, and Philanthropist, for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

## Honorary Fellow A Citation



### Dr YEUNG Ming Biu

Time management is perhaps the most important skill in a person's life. Our time management is helped by the watch on our wrist. Dr Yeung Ming Biu knows wrist-watches from inside out. He also knows how to make the best use of his time, for business development, taking care of his body, paying back to society and to groom the youth.

Dr Yeung Ming Biu was from Heshan, Guangdong. He is a captain of the watch industry, a household name in the business sector and a good friend of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. For many years, Dr Yeung has cared for and supported the Chinese University in establishing scholarships and grants. His enthusiasm and many contributions have substantially enhanced the sport activities and facilities on CUHK campus.

Dr Yeung was born in Guangdong and came to Hong Kong at the age of 14 with his mother. His father passed away early and the family was in dire condition. He had to quit school after Primary Five and worked to help with making ends meet. In 1951 he worked as an apprentice in a watch seller and started a lifelong career in the watch industry in Hong Kong. Because he was perseverant, hardworking and dependable, he soon won the trust of his employer and was promoted to "buyer" in a few years' time. In 1958, at the age of 21, Dr Yeung founded his own company with accumulated experience and capital, specializing in second-hand watches and clocks. Three years later, in 1961, Dr Yeung took another bold step forward and opened in Central what eventually became the famous Oriental Watch Company. The Oriental Watch Holdings Limited grew and prospered and, in 1973, acquired La Suisse Watch Company and moved into the highend market. Its business mushroomed in Hong Kong and Macau. Its market leadership was affirmed in 1993 when it was listed in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. It ventured into China in 2000, establishing a stronghold in Shanghai first and later spread to over 50 outlets in Beijing, Nanking, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Guiyang, Tianjin, etc. In 2010, Oriental Watch went to Taiwan as well. Today, it is firmly established over all of Chinese territories. Being its Chairman and Executive Director, Dr Yeung is a much revered figure and a legend in the industry. Dr Yeung is the Permanent Honorary Director of The Federation of Hong Kong Watch Trades and Industry Limited, Founding Honorary Chairman of The Professional Validation Centre of Business Sector, Life Member and Founding Member of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Development Foundation, and a member of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

Dr Yeung Ming Biu is a kind and charitable person who loves everything about his hometown. He holds fond memories of everything back home — its grass and wood, and its rivers and hills amidst which he spent his childhood — and is always willing and ready to requite and repay. He is the Executive President of the Hong Kong Hok Shan Association. Since 1978, he has been making continuous contributions to the building and maintenance of bridges and roads, and schools and hospitals in the hometown he cherishes so much. In 2010,



he was given the World Outstanding Chinese Award, and elected Honorary Citizen of the cities of Jiangmen, Heshan and Kaiping. At the same time, he is a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference for Heshan City and the Zhuhai District, Guangdong Province.

Dr Yeung had to quit school at the age of 14 to earn a living as an apprentice at a watch company, but, with insatiable zest for self-improvement, he continued to educate himself and picked up all he could from his chosen profession. With his unswerving sincerity, he steadily forged ahead, to his present leading position in the industry. This simple Hong Kong story typifies the steady and sure path for development of local industries in the mid-twentieth century and exemplifies simple, honest values rarely found in present-day society with its superficiality and short-sighted quest for instant success and quick profits. Dr and Mrs Yeung have long been great friends of this University: they have time and again donated generously, and the scholarships they helped to set up include the "Charles K Kao Scholarship Endowment Fund", the "Yeung Ming Biu and Au Po Kee Student Exchange Fund", the "Yeung Ming Biu and Au Po Kee Non-local Scholarships", and the "Yeung Ming Biu and Au Po Kee Superior Athlete Scholarships". Dr Yeung has also contributed to the sponsoring of various student activities, including the CUHK Global Internship Programme, the CUHK-Children's Choir Fundraising Concert, and the online training programme for family caregivers of people with cognitive loss.

Dr Yeung cares the most about students who excel in academic subjects as well as sports. In addition to establishing the superior athlete scholarships, he has encouraged the development of various sports and donated for sport facilities on campus. For many years he has sponsored the "CUHK Golf Day", the rowing sports of the Physical Education Unit, the CUHK Aquatic Electric Timing System, and a visiting tour to the Beijing Olympic Games by CUHK outstanding athletes. Dr Yeung is an enthusiast in many sporting activities. Though a septuagenarian, Dr Yeung is strong in body and agile in mind, and still embraces many sports with passion. He plays golf and tennis, swims and hikes on a regular basis. Endeared as "Uncle Biu", he is the prime mover of many sporting activities at CUHK. His embodiment of his words and passion has inspired and won plaudits from teachers and students alike of the Physical Education Unit.

Mr Chairman, in recognition of Dr Yeung Ming Biu's achievements and contributions in the watch industry, and his unsparing generosity to the educational and sport facilities at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, in particular his support and promotion of sports on campus, may I present Dr Yeung Ming Biu for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.