

**Donation Ceremony for CUHK Teaching Hospital and  
CUHK Jockey Club Institute of Ageing**

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The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Mr (Brian) Stevenson, Mr (Winfried) Engelbrecht-Bresges, Mr (Douglas) So, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, I would like to thank the Hong Kong Jockey Club sincerely for casting a vote of confidence in CUHK, and translating their confidence into monetary terms by donating HK\$1.3 billion in support of our Teaching Hospital project. I am delighted to know that this is the largest single donation in the Club's 130 years of history. It is also the biggest donation ever received in the past 50 years of CUHK. Despite working as a banker all my life, I have never personally received a cheque so big in its amount – and in its dimensions! Besides this, the Club has donated another HK\$12 million to support the establishment of the CUHK Jockey Club Institute of Ageing. To all members of the Board of Stewards and the Board of Management of the Club, our heartfelt gratitude!

“Healthy ageing” has become the goal of all societies that are facing the challenge of a growing elderly population. If you wake up at 5am every morning no matter how late you go to bed the night before, constantly fall asleep in front of the TV, and keep forgetting people's names, then you are old enough to appreciate what these challenges mean. Today is an occasion for the Jockey Club and CUHK to reinforce their long-standing collaboration in response to the pressing needs for professional healthcare and elderly services in the region.

As a staunch supporter of CUHK, the Jockey Club first donated towards CUHK in 1969, contributing to the building of the University Sports Centre. Since then, the Club has donated through its Trust to support close to 40 projects on education and healthcare promotion, campus development and community services.

Through the generous support of the Jockey Club, a number of health and education-related entities have been established in CUHK. Such as: The Hong Kong Institute of Biotechnology, The Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care, and The Jockey Club Sports Medicine and Health Sciences Centre, etc.

The Jockey Club also has been partnering with CUHK on a number of community projects, including the “Jockey Club Sign Bilingualism and Co-enrolment in Deaf Education Programme”, the “CADENZA: A Jockey Club Initiative for Seniors”, and the “CUHK Jockey Club Initiative Gaia”. All these demonstrate the Club's strong commitment to the welfare of the local community.

To conclude, let me reiterate my heartfelt appreciation to the Jockey Club for its generosity in making the largest single donation in their history to support CUHK.

My thanks also go to the Vice-Chancellor, Mr Chien Lee and all members of the Governing Board of CUHK Medical Centre, the previous Task Force on Private Teaching Hospital chaired by Dr Edgar Cheng, and to colleagues of CUHK for your hard work over the years in making this groundbreaking collaboration possible. This substantial donation, we believe, will realize the bold and visionary steps taken by CUHK to address the needs of society, and build a healthy community.

Thank you.