

Honorary Fellow A Citation

Ms Chow Pei-fong, Therese

We are here today to honour the great generosity to this University of the distinguished lawyer Ms Therese Chow Pei-fong.

Ms Chow spent her early life in Shanghai, but then along with other members of her family she was in 1947 relocated to Hong Kong by her father, who was a renowned industrialist in this city, working with vitreous enameling technology and thermo flasks. As a self-taught man, he believed strongly in the value of a good education. He sent Therese to boarding school in the UK and advised her to train there for a profession of her choice. She spent several formative years acquiring a legal education and 10 years altogether in the UK, where she was admitted as a solicitor of the then Supreme Court of England.

She returned to practice in Hong Kong for three years, and then went to Toronto, where as an English solicitor she was able to article to a law firm on a transfer basis for a year. After six further months' study of Canadian law, she passed her bar examination and was called to the Bar as Solicitor and Barrister of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1971.

This put Ms Chow in the rare position of having qualified as a lawyer in three different jurisdictions, thereby widening her professional experience.

She returned to Hong Kong to practice in 1972 and was appointed a notary public by the Archbishop of Canterbury. She has since spent the greater part of her career here, practicing in different areas of the law. Her successes included an appeal in the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London as an instructing solicitor in a seven-year-long banking case. The unanimous judgement in favour of Ms Chow's corporate client, by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council comprising five Law Lords, was subsequently followed by a case in the Canadian Supreme Court. In 1992, Ms Chow was made a China Appointed Attesting Officer by the Department of Justice in Beijing. She has now completed 50 years on the roll of solicitors of the Law Society of Hong Kong.

This is by any standards a most successful career. But it is our good fortune that Ms Chow's life has also been distinguished by generosity. Inspired partly by coming across some old records of her father's fund-raising appeal for educating the children of poor families, and remembering his kindness in helping his friends and relations to find employment, as well as his position as a director of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals in 1948-49, Ms Chow decided to make a large donation in his memory, despite the decades since he passed away.

Ms Chow's donation is also made in recognition of the contributions and achievements in medical science and academic development of our own Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Sung.

The result is the setting up of the Chow Yuk Ho Technology Centre for Innovative Medicine. This is a groundbreaking initiative designed to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration between the Faculties of Medicine and Engineering, leading to innovative research in biomedical engineering focusing on clinical applications. The Centre will focus on three research areas in biomedical engineering: robotics, imaging and biosensing. Within these broader fields the more specialised research areas will include nano-robotics, innovative neuro-imaging and non-invasive medical monitoring.

The University will undoubtedly benefit from this donation in both its research capacity and its international reputation. Thus Ms Chow's generosity has helped the academic world in Hong Kong and more widely. At the same time the creation of the Centre will lead to synergies between the public and private sectors, since the innovative tools and devices produced out of the research will be commercialised through collaborations with industrial partners. But even more importantly, the ultimate beneficiaries will be clinical practice and therefore patients.

But the story of Ms Chow's generosity does not even stop there. She has supported the establishment of a Research Centre for Prevention of Dementia at the Faculty of Medicine. This condition is a major threat to the quality of life in Hong Kong, with one in ten older people suffering from it. Indeed as the population ages it could be said to represent a genuine threat to the long-term economic prosperity of the city over the next 25 years. We urgently need more research on the risk and protective factors for this complex set of conditions; on the bio-markers for early detection; on potential effective interventions; and on public education regarding preventative measures. This is the work proposed to be carried out by the Therese Pei Fong Chow Research Centre for Prevention of Dementia.

As with the Technology Centre for Innovative Medicine, this proposed dementia research centre is a shining example of what philanthropy can achieve if it is intelligently conceived and directed. When that rare individual comes along who is both professionally accomplished and astute, and also raised within a family tradition of philanthropy, then we all benefit.

Mr Vice-Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present to you Ms Chow Pei-fong, Therese for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

This citation is written by Professor Simon Haines

Honorary Fellow A Citation

Mr Fan Shi-hoo, Hamen, BS

A successful man of business, his heart set on education, a rescuer of many through medicine, he is deserving of being a fine social role model.

Mr Fan Shi-hoo, Hamen who has long been devoting himself actively and contributing generously to education and charity in Hong Kong and mainland China, is a renowned figure in the business sector and a prominent member of society. He has also been a long-term supporter and benefactor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Shaw College and of the University Council. He has devoted himself in working wholeheartedly and untiringly for the development in the University and the education of the students, with a great deal of time, money and effort.

As a native of Ningbo, Mr Fan's ancestor, Fan Wenfu was a well-known medical doctor in Zhejiang, famous throughout the area south of the Yangtze for his medical skill and magnanimous acts. The Fan family then moved to Shanghai, and Mr Fan's father took up commerce instead of medicine and started his own business. Mr Fan was born in Shanghai, and moved to Hong Kong in the 1960s. He went to the US after completing high school. He majored in economics at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, Illinois. On his return to Hong Kong after graduation, Mr Fan became actively involved in the business sector. In 1983, he set up Pac-Fung International Limited, serving as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the company. Under his leadership, production and trade developed rapidly. With its business based in Hong Kong and production headquarters situated in Jiangmen, Guangdong, the group now has investments in mainland China and in the US.

While his business is flourishing, Mr Fan is also passionate about community service, particularly caring for children from lower-income families and the physically impaired. Such dedication may very well be inherited from his generous ancestor. In 1991, Mr Fan founded the Hong Kong Children's Heart Fund, serving as the Vice-Chairman until 2011. During his 20-year tenure as Vice-Chairman, the Fund supported nearly 300 paediatric patients from low-income families in Hong Kong and mainland China to undergo cardiac surgery for atrial septal defects. Mr Fan also served as the Chairman of the Board of Advisers of the Adventist Hospital Foundation, contributing enormously to medical

and charitable affairs in Hong Kong. Currently, he holds many official positions, including the Vice-chairmanship of the Shanghai Fraternity Association Hong Kong, and membership of the People's Political Consultative Committee of Jiangmen, Guangdong. When the Shanghai Fraternity Association runs its annual events for the underprivileged and elderly, Mr Fan always plays an active role in person. He is similarly supportive of social work carried out in partnership with many social enterprises and charitable groups, inspiring admiration and gratitude through his tireless effort and generosity.

Mr Hamen Fan has consistently shown great concern for CUHK, both for its research and education and for the fostering of its students. He has been supportive of the development of colleges and guidance for the students. Over the years, he has made generous contributions to the Shaw College for various causes including college development, scholarships, internship programmes, and renovation of facilities. Mr Fan has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Shaw College since 2003. In 2005, he took on the chairmanship of Finance Committee, adding the post of Honorary Treasurer in the following year. Since 2011, he has also served as a member of the CUHK Council. Mr Fan has been a staunch supporter of the recently founded Lee Woo Sing College, contributing generously to the establishment of the Hamen Fan Shi Hoo Endowment Fund, offering paid campus work opportunities to local students affiliated to the College. The student residents can spend their free time assisting in the research work in the faculty. Meanwhile, the students can also gain work experience and income. A good method of achieving a fine purpose, this initiative bears witness to Mr Fan's interest in student welfare.

Mr Fan also has a passion for Chinese culture. In celebration of the CUHK Golden Jubilee Anniversary, he generously supported *The Operatic Journey of Cultural Heritage through Peking, Kunqu and Cantonese Traditions* in 2013. He has also sponsored other cultural and academic activities such as *Ten Years' Retrospect of Chinese Theatre (1993-2003)*, a symposium held in 2004 by CUHK. In recent years, he has generously given his advice and ideas for the development of the Faculty of Engineering in the University. He has founded scholarships for engineering students to encourage them to take part in exchange programmes. It is his earnest wish that engineering graduates should take their place on the international stage.

In recognition of all the contributions Mr Fan Shi-hoo, Hamen has made to medical, educational and charitable works in mainland China and Hong Kong, as well as recognition of his long-standing support to Shaw College, Lee Woo Sing College and the Faculty of Engineering, and his endeavours for the University, Mr Vice-Chancellor, it is my great pleasure to present to you Mr Fan Shi-hoo, Hamen for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

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Dr Li Kwok-tung, Donald, SBS, BA, MBBS, FHKCFP, FHKAM (Family Medicine), FRACGP, FFPH, FAFPM, FACP, JP

It is said that medicine must, first and foremost, be human-oriented. In Chinese society, family comes first, and individuals are inseparable from their families. Family medicine, a 'people-first' medical science, has long been a fully-fledged practice in developed countries such as Australia and the UK, where it is regarded as the basis of community healthcare. Family doctors treat not just the disease but the patient, with an understanding of the whole family. In Western medicine, experience has proven this type of medicine to be the most efficient and cost-effective healthcare system for the community. Family doctors have become medical coordinators for the entire family, and frontline guardians of public health, with a far-reaching impact on the well-being of society as a whole.

Dr Li Kwok-tung, Donald is a specialist in family medicine in private practice, as well as a leading expert in the field. With the lofty goal of easing the suffering of the sick, Dr Li takes a hands-on approach to medical practice, posing as a role model for what an outstanding family doctor should be. Over the decades, he has been an ardent advocate for improving primary care, making significant contributions to family health promotion. Dr Li graduated from Cornell University in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and went on to obtain his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees from The University of Hong Kong (HKU) in 1980. He is currently the President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine; Honorary Treasurer and member-at-large of the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) World Executive Council; and Censor of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians. As a pioneer of family medicine in Hong Kong, Dr Li has been an invited speaker at numerous local and international scientific conferences. He has also devoted his professional career to promoting the primary and family healthcare system in Hong Kong and the Asia Pacific region, achieving remarkable accomplishments along the way. His advocacy has helped advance the status of family medicine in Hong Kong, and the role of family doctors within society. The care and attention family doctors give to the poor and sick, as well as their timely and appropriate treatment, has made the world a better place. As a champion of family medicine, Dr Li deserves our applause for his remarkable efforts. As a humanitarian, Dr Li is concerned not only about public health issues, but also the destruction brought about by natural disasters, and how society copes in their wake. He believes that in many Asian countries, there is insufficient resource allocation, scientific

research and expertise to prepare for these risks. Hong Kong is a case in point. The general public is unaware of and unprepared for the destruction and turmoil associated with natural disasters. Should a disaster strike, there is no mechanism in place to lead, coordinate recovery efforts, and conduct damage assessment. To support the government in contingency planning and disaster response training, Dr Li advocated the establishment of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness and Response Institute (HKJC DPRI) under the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. Through the funding of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the Institute has worked closely with Disaster and Medical Humanitarian Response, Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), in support of numerous postgraduate programmes and fellowships, contributing immensely to worldwide humanitarian efforts. We are also grateful to Dr Li for the benefits brought to the University through these collaborations.

Dr Li is currently a Fellow of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians, Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, Honorary Fellow of Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Fellow of the UK's Faculty of Public Health, Fellow of the American College of Physicians, Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners in the UK, and Honorary Fellow of the Hong Kong College of Dental Surgeons. While practising medicine, Dr Li has also dedicated much of his professional time to academia and teaching, including serving as a council member of Cornell University; Honorary Professor of HKU's Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine; and Clinical Professor (honorary) of The Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care at CUHK. Many medical students at Hong Kong's two major universities had the honour to be taught by this distinguished scholar.

Fan Zhongyan, a prominent literary figure during China's Song Dynasty, once said, 'If you cannot be a good minister, aspire to be a good physician.' Both are noble professions, as a good minister improves social welfare and a good physician saves lives. In fact, Dr Li has been both a good physician and a good minister. Over the years, he has been devoted to community service, taking up responsibilities to help people in need and facilitate social betterment in both Hong Kong and mainland China. He has served in numerous posts at several governmental and public medical organisations, including Chairman of the Bauhinia Foundation Research Centre; council member of St John Ambulance Association; Chairman of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited; co-opted member of the Community Care Fund Task Force under the Commission on Poverty; and Chairman of the Governing Committee of the HKJC DPRI. Dr Li has also served as Honorary Consultant to Shanghai's Huashan Hospital,

member of the Board of Directors of the Hospital Authority, President of WONCA in Asia Pacific Region, President of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians, member of the Greater Pearl River Delta Business Council, and member of the Board of Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. In recognition of the huge contribution Dr Li has made to society, the HKSAR Government appointed him Justice of the Peace in 2006, and honoured him with the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2011.

In his ten-year stint on the Board of Stewards of HKJC, from 2004 to 2013, Dr Li helped with the management of HKJC Charities Trust. Using his tremendous expertise in medical science and his experience in medical operations, Dr Li was able to provide evaluation of and insights into numerous medical grant and donation applications. He also helped establish Cadenza, an HKJC initiative for seniors aimed at coping with the issue of the aging population of Hong Kong. During this period, Dr Li helped the University secure numerous grants and donations from HKJC. He also provided full support for the development of CUHK's private teaching hospital. His contribution to the University will be remembered in perpetuity.

In recognition of a good physician and minister who takes the suffering of patients to heart, has contributed immensely to Hong Kong's family medicine, and provided tremendous help for the construction of CUHK's private teaching hospital, Mr Vice-Chancellor, it is my great pleasure to present to you Dr Li Kwok-tung, Donald for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

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Professor Liu Pak-wai, SBS, AB, MA, PhD, JP

In *Discourse of Heaven*, Xunzi said, ‘Strengthen your foundation and moderate expenditures, then Heaven cannot impoverish you. Prepare your means of nurture and synchronise your movements with the season, then Heaven cannot afflict you with illness. Follow the principle of nature and do not deviate from it, then Heaven cannot bring you misfortune.’ Over the past five decades, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) has faced one challenge after another. Starting at a desolate site on a remote mountain ridge, we constructed an imposing campus. Amidst financial difficulties, we created development opportunities. The reason we now have a solid foundation, and are full of resources and ideas, is because we have had capable and intelligent leaders, able to shore up that foundation and practise thrift, supply necessities in a timely manner, follow natural laws and sidestep mistakes.

Professor Liu Pak-wai graduated from Princeton University in the US in the 70s, and went on to acquire a master’s degree and a PhD at Stanford University. He has been with the Department of Economics at CUHK since 1976. During this forty-year period, he has been Chairman of the Department of Economics, Registrar, Professor of Economics, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, senior advisor to the Vice-Chancellor, and founding director of the Institute of Global Economics and Finance. He is currently a research professor at Lau Chor Tak Institute of Global Economics and Finance, Emeritus Professor of Economics at CUHK, and co-director of the Economic Research Centre at the Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies.

The operation of a university requires considerable financial backing and it is no easy task to ensure effective utilisation of resources and proper use of funding. An expert in the application of economic theories, Professor Liu has tremendous insights in this regard. In 1995, he took over as CUHK’s Pro-Vice-Chancellor, and was tasked with reforming the University’s funding model. He put forward the ‘One-line Budget’ in response, which enhanced the efficiency of resource utilisation and offered faculties and administrative units more flexibility in resource allocation. Two decades have since passed, and the ‘One-line Budget’ remains an effective funding mechanism well received by unit heads.

All economies have their ups and downs. When things are going well, financial stewards can relax and bask in the sun. However, when the economy takes a turn for the worse under the stormy skies, universities must take measures to cope with reduced funding. The biggest challenge is striking a balance between the university’s long-term development and short-term financial difficulty. In 2004, an economic

slowdown had all universities facing budgetary cuts from the government. Professor Liu, being Pro-Vice-Chancellor, displayed his wisdom as an established economics scholar to help the University ride out the crisis. A number of measures aimed at optimising organisation structure, strengthening its foundation and controlling expenditure effectively were introduced, successfully helping CUHK to weather the storm. Thanks to Professor Liu's enormous contribution, CUHK has remained in a healthy financial position over the last 53 years of rapid development.

The University's mission is to foster talent; recruiting talented students and providing them with a proper education are its most important tasks. The forward-looking Professor Liu took up the role of Registrar at CUHK in 1982, and proposed the Provisional Acceptance Scheme (PAS), which would allow Hong Kong's top achievers to be admitted to CUHK in advance, before they received offers from other institutes, in order to attract high-achieving students. In 1985, CUHK implemented PAS, which turned out to be very successful, putting the University in a more advantageous position for recruitment and advancing the academic standards of its students. The scheme ultimately had a far-reaching impact on the development of the University. Another important task for the University, and the key to its success, is to nurture an interest in learning. In view of the burden which the duplicate course and degree examinations imposed on students during their four years on campus, Professor Liu, working under the curriculum reform task force led by Professor Ambrose King, initiated a curriculum review leading to the abolition of degree examinations, switching from a mix of a degree examination system and a year promotion system to an American credit unit system. The new system took a great deal of pressure off students, offering them greater freedom for course selection. When there is real interest in learning, teaching becomes more effective. Not only is Professor Liu very learned, he also has vision and wisdom. Believing that the University's future development must be closely related to societal needs, he spearheaded projects to build a teaching hotel and a teaching building for the Faculty of Business Administration, and played a vital role in the founding of the Faculty of Law. He helped acquire a floor of the Bank of America Tower in Central to serve as the premise of the Faculty, and lay the foundation for the development of its postgraduate programmes in the urban area. Professor Liu was a key contributor in equipping the Faculty of Law with full amenities, with his timely move of capital investments. He also led a delegation to numerous universities in the UK and US to study their college systems, culminating in the establishment of five new colleges to cope with an increase of over 3,000 undergraduates admitted in 2012. In recent years, he also contributed to the establishment of CUHK (Shenzhen). We cannot praise enough the contributions Professor Liu has made to the University.

Professor Liu has also been highly committed to public service. He has served as a member of the 'Independent Commission on Remuneration for Members of the Executive Council and the Legislature, and Officials under the Political Appointment System of the HKSAR', as well as a member of the Aviation Development Advisory Committee and the Commission on Strategic Development. His remarkable contributions to Hong Kong society were recognised in 1999, when he was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR government for his exceptional achievements in academia and public service. In 2006, he was honoured as a Justice of the Peace. Currently, Professor Liu is a board member of the Hong Kong Institute for Monetary Research, under the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, and Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Post-office Employment for Former Chief Executives and Politically Appointed Officials.

As Professor Liu recalled it, when he first visited CUHK in the early 70s, he said of the campus by Ma Liu Shui, 'It had very few buildings, trees, and people. It was a barren place with only sand and stones.' After more than 40 years, however, the campus is now full of greenery and tall buildings, and serves more than 30,000 teachers and students. Professor Liu helped pave the way for CUHK's rags-to-riches development, putting the University on a path to tremendous success. Together, let's celebrate this outstanding scholar who played such a big part in CUHK's growth. Thanks to his contributions and wisdom, CUHK has not only established a strong financial position over the decades, but has also become an assembly of talent. Mr Vice-Chancellor, it is my great pleasure to present to you Professor Liu Pak-wai for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

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Dr Akihiro Nagahara, LLB, LLM, LLD

Born and bred in Taiwan, Dr Akihiro Nagahara pursued his dreams in Japan and founded his business in Hong Kong. He is a remarkable entrepreneur who proclaims the spirit of New Asia College.

A well-known entrepreneur and financial expert, Dr Akihiro Nagahara is also a social philanthropist eager to help the needy, give back to his motherland and contribute to the cause of education. He and his wife are golf enthusiasts who can often be seen swinging their golf clubs on the fairway.

Dr Nagahara was born Chang Ping-huang in Changhua, Taiwan, in 1940. He graduated with a bachelor degree with distinction in law from Taiwan University at a time when most graduates chose to further their studies in the US. Yet the ambitious Ping-huang opted for Japan. In 1968, he earned a full scholarship from Japan's Ministry of Education and enrolled in Hitotsubashi University, where he obtained both a master's degree and a doctoral degree. After graduation, he joined the JCG Finance Company (JCG), a consumer finance company established by Chinese expatriates in Tokyo, embarking on an illustrious career in business. In 1977, he was assigned by JCG to spearhead the establishment of its Hong Kong branch, and assumed the role of General Manager. For the purpose of working and travelling at ease in and out of Japan, Ping-huang decided to naturalise as a Japanese citizen and adopt Akihiro Nagahara as his Japanese name, a name similar to Changhua in Chinese in tribute to his homeland. JCG's business expanded rapidly in Hong Kong under the leadership of Dr Nagahara. In 1990, JCG was acquired by Public Bank Berhad of Malaysia and renamed Public Finance Limited. In 1992, two years after leaving JCG, Dr Nagahara made a comeback to the financial sector and founded his own business, United Asia Finance Limited (UAF) in 1993. It was an incredible success, outperforming his previous companies, and in recent years, Dr Nagahara has expanded the business to cities in mainland China. In addition to its 49 Hong Kong branches, UAF currently runs more than 150 branches in over 10 cities across the country, including Beijing, Shenzhen, Tianjin and Chengdu. Offering loan services with a pragmatic approach, UAF has helped individuals and small and medium-sized enterprises cope with cash-stricken situations. Dr Nagahara is also the Chairman of The Hong Kong SAR Licensed Money Lenders Association Limited, winning recognition from both the government and the industry. In 2013, he was named one of the 'Capital Leaders of Excellence' by *Capital* magazine.

While conducting business across Japan, Taiwan and mainland China, Dr Nagahara has also been an earnest supporter of the promotion of cultural and educational interactions between Hong Kong and these three regions. In 1982, he set up a cultural fund at New Asia College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), to facilitate the College's development and cultural exchanges. Since becoming a member of the College Board of Trustees in 1997, he has provided full support to the activities of the College. In addition to being a member of the Board of Trustees, he is currently a member of the Investment Sub-Committee of the College, and a member of the Sub-Committee on Student Exchange Programmes with Universities in Japan. Dr Nagahara loves golf and is a good amateur player. He goes golfing in Shenzhen with his wife on a weekly basis, a years-long habit that has helped hone his skills. Dr Nagahara is an active participant of the CUHK Golf Day and, each year, he represents New Asia College at a golf game to help raise funds for both the College and the University. He takes pleasure in the event as he can play golf for a good cause.

Dr Nagahara is keen in serving the community and very supportive of charities. He was a director of Po Leung Kuk from 2004 to 2009, and is currently the honorable chairman of the Hong Kong & Macau Taiwanese Association Ltd. He is also a director of Hong Kong and Macau Taiwanese Charity Fund Limited, which hosts the Taiwan Culture Festival in autumn every year to introduce Taiwanese arts and culture to Hong Kong. Dr Nagahara is a key sponsor of this event.

In recognition of his contributions to public services and the cultural exchange between Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan and mainland China, and his long-standing care and support for CUHK and New Asia College, Mr Vice-Chancellor, it is my great pleasure to present to you Dr Akihiro Nagahara, also known as Dr Chang Ping-huang, for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.