

Honorary Fellow A Citation

Dr CHAN Chi-sun

Strive to create wealth and prosperity amidst adversity in the service of mankind. Thrive through the benevolence and righteousness advocated by Confucianism.

Born in 1949 in Guangzhou, Dr Chan Chi-sun is a native of Panyu, Guangdong. In 1958, Dr Chan and his family moved to Hong Kong, where he flourished despite impoverished conditions. In 1968, he finished secondary school at The Chinese YMCA College and enrolled in the New Asia College of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, majoring in Economics. Upon graduating in 1972, he began his career in the shipping industry. In 1985, after working in several companies, he founded Fordpointer Shipping Company Limited. Now, over three decades later, Fordpointer is a multinational corporation in Hong Kong that provides international freight forwarding services by sea, air and land. It has established many branches around the world, including several cities in China, New York and Los Angeles. Ten years ago, in response to China's environmental protection policies, Dr Chan invested in an over 200-hectare eco-garden in Hubei in the name of Fordpointer Environmental Protection Material Company Limited, which he serves as President.

Despite his tight business schedule, Dr Chan always finds time to be a passionate supporter of the New Asia College. He constantly contributes to his alma mater's development through generous donations to nurture students and improve teachers' welfare. He established the 'Mr Chan Che Ho Memorial Scholarships', spearheaded the formation of the '1972 Alumni Scholarships' and 'New Asia College Alumni Association Executive Committee 2011-13 Scholarship' and sponsored the 'New Asia Student Exchange Programme'

and 'Seminar on Chinese Moral Education'. He has served as Chairman of the New Asia Alumni Association and has been a member of the College's Board of Trustees for over 20 years. In addition to his generous donations, Dr Chan has been actively involved in the college's administration, serving as a member of various subcommittees of the Assembly of Fellows so that he can give back to his alma mater through concrete action.

Dr Chan is always grateful for what he learned during his 4 years in the New Asia College. It was not limited to a professional knowledge of economics and management, but also included culturalism and humanism. He strongly agreed with the College's founding ideals and the moral education preached by traditional Confucianism. Dr Chan believes that the values of the New Asia College have been benefitting him through his whole life, guiding him to be the kind of person who treats others and society with kindness. His business is founded on the underlying philosophy of 'creating wealth based on both knowledge and morality' in which 'profiting from righteousness' and 'benefitting mankind with what you earn' are put into practice. Dr Chan strongly trusts in the principle of applying a system of rewarding rather than penalising staff, as well as the importance of a stable life and the sharing of wealth. He has incorporated his Confucian beliefs into his business's operational and management system, developing his own 'Confucian Entrepreneurs' model based on benevolence, righteousness, and contributing to mankind. His remarkable philosophy is well-recognised by the shipping industry and many international organisations. In 2009, Dr Chan received an Honorary Fellowship from the Canadian Chartered Institute of Business Administration and an Honorary Doctorate

from Lincoln University, in recognition of his accomplishments and contributions in corporate administration.

Dr Chan has made donations to the New Asia College for the promotion of Chinese culture. He established the 'Mr Chan Chi-sun Chinese Culture Fund' to support the Ch'ien Mu Lecture in History and Culture, in which scholars from different specialisations who have made recent achievements and contributions are invited to speak at the University every year. As a testament to his devoted support of Chinese culture and traditions, his donations have benefited the establishment of Nishan Shengyuan College of the Confucian Academy in Sishui, Shandong, in order to advance Confucianism and spiritual education.

Along with his donations to the New Asia College, Dr Chan also actively supports CUHK's development. In particular, he has been acting as a bridge between CUHK and the alumni in motivating and encouraging them to care more about the University's affairs. In 2011, he was elected as Chairman of Convocation of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and served concurrently as a CUHK Council Member until 2017, sharing his ideas on and insights into the University's development. CUHK Convocation has held numerous seminars on educational and social issues aiming to engage alumni to discuss University affairs and encourage donations. As well as giving support to scholarships, the funds have been used to purchase analytical instruments for the School of Chinese Medicine and a 14-seat Rehabus that provides campus transport services to students and staff with disabilities. The funds have also supported research collaboration with the Institute of Future Cities on reducing carbon emissions, and

the development of the CUHK Medical Centre and I · CARE programme.

Dr Chan Chi-sun is a true role model for the New Asia College. He respects tradition and people and upholds the principle of creating wealth with knowledge, without giving up kindness, righteousness and humanity. He has been showing his dedication to his alma mater and his fellow 200,000 CUHK alumni with generosity and sincerity. Mr Chairman, it is my great pleasure to present to you Dr Chan Chi-sun for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

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Mr HUI Ming

Emperor Taizong of the Tang Dynasty, Li Shimin, says: 'Taking polished bronze as a mirror, one can correct one's appearance; taking history as a mirror, one can understand changes in society; taking others as a mirror, one can distinguish right from wrong.' The statement uses the mirror as a metaphor for a wise intellect. The emperors relied on wisdom that came from reflection on their own virtues and the facts. With a crystal-clear mind, one can see the opportunities that present themselves and use this insight to make wise decisions which lead to outstanding achievements. You become the kind of generous and broad-minded person who gives back to their hometown, educates others and improves society, making an impact that will be felt for generations.

Mr Hui Ming and his elder brother, the late philanthropist Mr Hui Hoy, were the founders of Koon Wah Mirror Factory Limited (Koon Wah Mirror Factory). Born into poverty in the town of Dali, Nanhai, Foshan, the Hui brothers moved to Hong Kong in the 1950s in search of a better life. With Hong Kong's economic growth creating a growing demand for glass, the brothers founded Koon Wah Mirror Factory, one of the few major mirror factories in the city in the 1960s. It was in a building of over 10,000 square feet, making it the city's largest mirror factory. Hong Kong's real estate market was prospering by then, with the skyscrapers going up one after another, so the demand of glass was huge. Koon Wah Mirror Factory's business blossomed. The Hui brothers' business acumen stood out from the crowd.

In the 1970s, the Hui brothers went into real estate. They purchased two parcels of land from the government on Wo Yi Hop Road in Kwai Chung and Sun On Street in Chai Wan. They built

an industrial building with over 10 stories on each parcel. In the 1970s, there was a boom in the market for industrial buildings; they consequently received a good return on this investment. Later, they built more Koon Wah Mirror industrial buildings in Kwai Chung, Kwun Tong and Tuen Mun, along with their company headquarter in Yuen Shun Circuit, Yuen Chau Kok, Shatin. Observing the rapid development of the local stock market during this boom period, the Hui brothers foresaw that Hong Kong would soon become an international financial hub. They subsequently invested capital to bid for land and build commercial buildings such as Mirror Tower in Tsim Sha Tsui East, Cheong Tai Building and Hamilton Commercial Building in Mongkok, Nathan Tower in Yau Ma Tei, and Trade Square in Cheung Sha Wan. Also, they acquired retail shops in prime locations, including several units sold by Standard Chartered Bank in 1992, a shop on Fu Yan Street in Kwun Tong, and four connected shops at Park Lane Shopper's Boulevard, Tsim Sha Tsui, and this generated considerable rental income for the Group.

To date, the Hui family has invested in over 100 properties and occupies a prime market position. With property prices steadily rising since the 1970s, the assets they bought then have now become highly valuable. With their good vision and judgement, they have made tremendous gains. The Hui brothers were decisive in business. They were also very courteous and humble. They lived a frugal and self-disciplined life, treating others well, and paying particular attention to the welfare of their employees. The Hui brothers spent time with their colleagues and during festive seasons they presented gifts and served festive food to them, earning great respect from their staff. Given the brothers' respect for the happiness and well-

being of people as a whole, it is no surprise that the business of Koon Wah Mirror Factory grew correspondingly well.

While pursuing career success in Hong Kong, the Hui brothers never forgot where they originally came from. In their return to the hometown of Dali in 1980, they found that the school facilities there were old and run-down. They immediately donated money to rebuild them. From then, the Hui brothers made donations to build modern schools, kindergartens, parks, roads, water supply facilities and sewers in their hometown. In 2007, the setting up of 'Hui Hoy & Chow Sin Lan Charity Fund' provided support to establish a new facility at Dali Hospital, which gave local residents the opportunity to seek medical advice to and save time and money. Over several decades, the Hui brothers donated nearly RMB100 millions to benefit citizens of the town, sponsoring projects from school building and water source decontamination to medical facility construction. All these efforts have improved the quality of life for the town tremendously. Their contributions to the town have been far reaching, and the citizens of Dali are truly grateful to them. To recognise the outstanding contribution that the Hui brothers gave to Dali, the Nanhai government bestowed on Mr Hui Hoy and Mr Hui Ming the title of Honorary Citizen of Nanhai.

Mr Hui Ming has extended strong support to CUHK. Several donations were made to our Faculty of Medicine and Department of Geography and Resource Management in support of teaching and research. Mr Hui also funded the Faculty's Institute of Digestive Disease to strengthen its research on cancer treatments and support academic exchange. The teachers and students of CUHK are truly indebted to his contribution.

Today, let us acknowledge this modest, benevolent and venerable man, a wise entrepreneur who has made remarkable contributions to the mirror industry, a philanthropist who has given selfless devotion to his hometown and furthered education in Hong Kong. Mr Chairman, it is my great pleasure to present to you Mr Hui Ming for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

Honorary Fellow A Citation

Mr LAW Kwok-hung

Han Yu's *Explanation Upon Entering the Academy* says 'Using large timber for pillars, small timber for roof trusses, and dwarfs for column brackets, door rod cups, door dividers, door bolts, and wedges, so that all are in their right places and form a house, is the art of the craftsman'. Construction requires the ability to select appropriate materials, draft master plans, and overcome operational difficulties. It is a place where families gather and the elderly are sheltered. A good dwelling is essential for engaging in work and is a place for people to return home in the twilight of their lives, like fallen leaves retuning to the roots. Providing such a home is a craftsman's lifelong vision. It is also the selfless dedication of wise people towards social construction.

For more than half a century, Mr Law Kwok-hung, a native of Panyu, has worked professionally and tirelessly in the construction industry. He now serves as executive director for both Yu Wing Construction & Investment Co Limited (Yu Wing) and Tai Chow Construction and Investment Limited. Yu Wing is a subsidiary of local real estate developer Yu Tai Hing Company Limited (Yu Tai Hing), which was founded in 1966 by Mr Law Kwok-hung's uncle, Mr Lo Siu-tong. Over the past half century, Yu Tai Hing has developed more than 300 housing projects, with Yu Wing as the contractor for most of its work. Mr Law Kwok-hung has also contracted for numerous diverse construction projects. His company has built over 300 buildings, ranging from residences and commercial buildings to hotels, public markets, military quarters and schools, as well as a host of kindergartens and social centres for the elderly under non-profit organisations. Mr Law's projects span the entirety of Hong Kong, from bustling urban areas to remote suburbs in the New Territories, and from simple-

structure schools to high-rise skyscrapers. These projects bear witness not only to Hong Kong's transformation from small fishing villages to an international financial centre, but also to Mr Law's accomplishments in his career.

Yu Wing is committed to quality, excellence and building safety, and Mr Law takes a hands-on, serious approach at work. 'Effective monitoring is the core of construction,' he emphasises. 'Only through strict quality control can we ensure structural safety. Hong Kong's current safety standards in construction lift it to the top in world ranking, which can be credited to effective monitoring measures.' Over a half century, Mr Law has insisted on inspecting construction sites every day to communicate with the workers from different levels, monitor the progress of work and ensure work safety, even during bad weather, and he has never regretted this. Yu Wing's employees can express their opinions to Mr Law directly. This helps communication from the bottom to the top. Mr Law also pays attention to his employees' welfare so that they can rest assured at work. Thanks to his endless endeavour and effective management, Yu Wing has prospered and expanded rapidly. A man of few words, Mr Law keeps a low profile and takes no credit for what he has accomplished. He rarely attends the opening ceremonies for new buildings. Instead, he finds it more satisfying, when he is visiting one of his properties, to be able to whisper to his children: 'Your father built this building.' Mr Law's children are all well-educated, humble and polite. This is also a reflection of Mr Law's personal and family education.

Mr Law's father passed away through ill health years ago. This loss prompted him to donate

towards research into digestive system diseases under the Faculty of Medicine at CUHK. 'Dr Sun Yat-sen, the founding father of modern China, died of carcinoma of the gallbladder in 1925. After nearly a century, there is still no appropriate cure for the disease.' Mr Law laments. 'As such, it is imperative to support medical research to make a breakthrough.' Since 2000, Mr Law has donated frequently to the Faculty in funding their teaching and research facilities and scholarships, and supporting their analyses, from causes to treatments. He is also dedicated to promoting medical innovation and alleviating suffering in the hope that these benefits can be spread to society at large. Mr Law's donations have also supported the I · CARE Programme by subsidising CUHK students to join a variety of social and civic engagement activities that serve the community and promote social enterprises and corporate responsibilities. He has also supported the University Lecture on Civility, a programme that brings world-renowned scholars to give lectures at CUHK, which inspire our students with their enlightened views on civility and the values which come from a proper education.

The great poet Du Fu wrote, 'If I could build mansions covering ten thousand miles, I'd house all poor scholars and make them beam with smiles.' Over the past 50 years, Mr Law has built more than 300 buildings ranging from residences, kindergartens to elderly centres. His efforts have offered pivotal housing to Hong Kong citizens, making them smile, allowing the young to receive education and the old to be self-reliant. In recognition of this pragmatic, low-key modern craftsman, this tribute is not limited to his generous donations to CUHK's education and research, but extends to his selfless contributions to society,

his remarkable diligence and exceptional virtue at work. Mr Chairman, it is my great pleasure to present to you Mr Law Kwok-hung for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

Honorary Fellow A Citation

Dr SIU Wing-tai

Dr Siu Wing-tai is a distinguished surgeon who in his practice has contributed greatly to the development of surgical techniques of minimally invasive surgery, and throughout his professional life to the training, encouragement and development of succeeding generations of medical students.

A graduate of the Faculty of Medicine of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Dr Siu excelled as a medical student. He was the recipient of many awards and distinctions, including the First Prize and Distinction in Medicine, and the City Lions Club Gold Medal Award for the best overall performance in professional examinations in his graduating year.

A young graduate of such distinction might well be expected to pursue a research career, and the young Dr Siu was encouraged to think about taking that direction. But he chose not to do so, and decided to embark on a career as a surgeon. His reasons for doing so are indicative of Dr Siu's character. Fundamentally, as he would put it, he 'just wanted to be a good doctor'. And, interestingly for many of us here today, he didn't think he was 'pushy' enough to be a professor.

For Dr Siu, surgery, despite its sometimes stressful nature, brings particular rewards. Other forms of medicine are of course important. But in Dr Siu's view, they offer less to the doctor than surgery does. Surgery gives greater opportunity to the practitioner to intervene and cure; whereas other forms of medical practice may be more limited to palliative effects.

Although Dr Siu decided not to pursue a career devoted to medical research, he did not turn his back on the opportunity to engage in research

where that was directly relevant to his practice as a surgeon. Rather, he undertook practice-based research in the emerging field of minimally invasive surgery, and became a leading practitioner and teacher in this major extension of surgical care. He has published extensively on various aspects of this technique, and he was instrumental in establishing and providing courses and conferences for the Minimal Access Surgery Training Centre at the Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital and the Department of Surgery at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. These Centres have developed as major training centres in minimal access surgery, training local doctors and nurses, as well as practitioners from beyond Hong Kong. It is a testament to his work in this respect that what was at one time an exceptional procedure is now regarded as 'part and parcel' of surgical training.

Dr Siu's distinction as a surgeon, and as an educator, has brought with it many forms of recognition from his peers and the community. He has held senior positions in various professional societies, including the Presidency of the Hong Kong Society of Minimal Access Surgery and the Hong Kong Society of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons. He is a Fellow and Council Member of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong, and a Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, to name just a few.

As a medical practitioner, Dr Siu has benefited Hong Kong society, whether directly, or through his training of other practitioners.

But Dr Siu has made important contributions directly to this University. He has taken a lead in the development of collective philanthropy in

support of the Faculty of Medicine, by personal donation, and by inspiring others to contribute. Wishing to give back to the University that laid the foundations for a successful professional career, he set about encouraging others from his graduating year to join him in donating to the Faculty. So successful was he, that in a space of only three months he had persuaded 50% of that class to contribute. Many professional fundraisers would, of course, be delighted to secure such an outcome. Many smaller contributions can add up, and can provide the means by which those who are of more modest means can make a difference in the world of philanthropy. And how did he achieve this? It seems that this is a reflection of his personality. He is, in his own words, rather easy-going; someone who is approachable; someone who does not seek recognition or reward; someone with the personality to get people to come together.

Those personal qualities have been deployed in a rather different way, again, in support of our Faculty of Medicine, through his work in support of our Medical Alumni.

Dr Siu was directly involved in the establishment of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Medical Alumni Association. He has been a Council Member of the Association since its foundation, and its President between 2011 and 2014. In that capacity he was instrumental in the establishment of the Faculty's Medical Alumni Buddy Programme, which was inaugurated in 2016. The Buddy Programme was established to provide an ongoing mentoring and support network for medical students and young practitioners, as well as helping to cement the relationship between alumni and the Faculty. The Programme provides a rich programme of events, which begin right at

the beginning – even before Orientation Camp – and carry on to provide different activities suited to students at different stages of their studies and training. As every University department increasingly recognises, the world of work is ever more challenging, requiring us to be imaginative in responding to our students' needs. The Buddy Programme is an outstanding example of what can be achieved by those who see the value in giving back to the University.

As we noted earlier, Dr Siu has said that he simply wants to be 'a good doctor'. He has indeed achieved that ambition, but he has done much, much more than that, to the great benefit of society and the University, and it is for these achievements and contributions that we rightly confer on him an Honorary Fellowship. Mr Chairman, it is my great pleasure to present to you Dr Siu Wing-tai for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

This citation is written by Professor Christopher Gane

Honorary Fellow A Citation

Dr TAN Siu-lin

An unbounded mind standing atop a mountain. A kind-hearted person looking like Buddha. A contemporary Confucian entrepreneur caring about his country.

Dr Tan Siu-lin is the founder and Chairman of Luen Thai Group and an outstanding and well-known entrepreneur and philanthropist.

Dr Tan was born in Quanzhou, Fujian in 1930. His family emigrated to the Philippines in 1948, where he continued his studies while working part-time at his father's clothing supplies shop. Unfortunately, there was a fire at his father's shop which burned down, along with all his family's valuables. His father was devastated and passed away soon after. But Dr Tan was undaunted and persevered with tremendous resilience in the face of these drastic upheavals. He kept working hard and overcame all obstacles. This is the story of a successful entrepreneur.

In 1965, Dr Tan founded the Luen Thai Shipping and Trading Company, specialising in shipping and the import and export trade in the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, Taiwan and Japan. In 1972, he moved to Guam with his family. The business of Luen Thai Group expanded from a shipping and trading firm to a global conglomerate, operating a diverse range of businesses that included garments, film and real estate. In 1984, he returned to his hometown in Quanzhou, where he founded enterprises such as Luen Thai Garment Co. Limited, which was expanded to 16 cities in mainland China, including Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen. In 1985, Luen Thai Group further expanded its business from the South Pacific islands to Saipan, the U.S. commonwealth where Dr Tan's business's achievement earned him

the title of 'the King of Saipan'. Luen Thai Group, the company that Dr Tan founded, now has a global presence across Hong Kong, Taiwan, mainland China, Southeast Asia, North America, Europe and the Western Pacific region. Its businesses cover a wide range of industries – garments, fisheries, real estate, cargo aviation, shipping, logistics, construction materials, finance, insurance, hotel, tourism, rubber, and more. Dr Tan believes in the Confucian idea of 'integrity and diligence', and the principles of 'treating others with sincerity', 'disciplining oneself to trust', 'making up for deficiency' and 'striving with determination'. He has integrated these principles not only into his business's philosophy, but also his treatment of family and friends.

Dr Tan embraces the principle of 'Giving back what society has given us'. He has generously contributed to his hometown, society, and country. In 1985, he founded the Tan Siu Lin Family Charity Foundation in Quanzhou to support education and medical services, and provide relief for the poor and disabled. Dr Tan subsequently founded the Tan Siu Lin Foundation in Hong Kong, Saipan, Guam, and Quanzhou to advance educational, medical, and charity work in society. He also actively advocates Dr Sun Yat-sen's ideology that 'the world is for all', and has spared no effort to promote a peaceful unification of mainland China and Taiwan.

In Hong Kong, Dr Tan served as a director of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) for several years. He established the 'TWGHs Dr Tan Siu Lin Charitable Fund', to support Chinese medicine, recreational and cultural training courses, and overseas competitions. He also set up an endowment fund and a complimentary Chinese medicine perpetual fund for free Chinese medicine

consultation services at CUHK and the Baptist University of Hong Kong, to nurture talents and provide medical services. In the social, cultural and educational efforts involving Dr Tan, special emphasis is placed on two specific areas. The first is to promote and commemorate Dr Sun Yat-sen's outstanding contributions towards the Chinese nation. For this, Dr Tan set up the Sun Yat-sen Education and Charity Foundation to advance Dr Sun's ideology through numerous academic events such as exhibitions and seminars across the Taiwan Strait. He also established the Sun Yat-sen International Research Centre in Peking University in 1998 to further advance Dr Sun's nationalism. In 2009, he set up the Zhongshan Pearl Class at his alma mater, Quanzhou First Secondary School, to support the unprivileged high school students with good academic grades and conduct in getting to university. In 2014, he supported the building of a pavilion and sculpture in Quanzhou's Zhongshan Park in commemoration of Dr Sun.

Dr Tan's Tan Siu Lin Foundation also gives tremendous support to local sport. Not only does the Foundation sponsor the Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong), it also helps people in custody and drug rehabilitees to reintegrate into society through participation in football training.

As well as serving Hong Kong, Dr Tan has dedicated himself to various educational and community causes in Guam, Saipan, and Micronesia. In addition to cultivating talents and contributing to local communities, he has been actively promoting Chinese culture to unite the Chinese communities. He founded the Chinese Association of Saipan, U.S.A., and serves as its Honorary President. He initiated the idea of having a Chinese Association Building, a Chinese park

and Chinese schools in Guam. Dr Tan's generous support and donations to various parts of the Western Pacific have won him the tremendous respect and admiration of local governments and citizens. In 1986, he received a Doctor of Laws degree *honoris causa* from the University of Guam, and is now serving as Honorary Consul of The Federated States of Micronesia in Hong Kong. Dr Tan received the Silver Bauhinia Star last year in recognition of his contributions to educational affairs and the whole community.

Dr Tan Siu-lin has been dedicated to serving society and encouraging education and he is a peace-lover who also cares for his community. He is not just a key business leader but also a pillar of our society. In recognition of the enormous social, cultural, and educational contribution he has made over the decades, especially his support of and donations to our Shaw College, Mr Chairman, it is my great pleasure to present to you Dr Tan Siu-lin for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.