

Honorary Fellow A Citation

Dr Lam Ko-yin Colin

An old Chinese proverb says, 'He who wishes to acquire wealth, earns it the right way.' Zi Gong, one of the students of Confucius, ran his business on Confucian principles and integrity, thereby amassing great wealth. During the Spring and Autumn period, another merchant, Fan Li, used his exceptional business acumen to make a great fortune, which he then shared with his neighbours and friends. Zi Gong and Fan Li were exemplary merchants of great integrity. While today's Hong Kong is a profit-driven society, many of our entrepreneurs still embrace the principle of integrity in their business dealings. These people not only make profits the right way, but also give back to society and contribute to their country. These modern Zi Gongs and Fan Lis embody the Confucian spirits and demonstrate their magnanimous character, which have earned them wide acclaim in the business sector and high society.

Dr Lam Ko-yin Colin was born and raised in Hong Kong. Through hard work, he graduated from King's College and entered The University of Hong Kong (HKU) with excellent results in the matriculation exams. He majored in Physics. After graduation, he joined first The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, and in 1982 the Henderson Land Development Group to assist the Chairman, Dr Lee Shau-kee, in business development. With Dr Lam's assistance, advice and contributions, the Group expanded rapidly into a business kingdom, with investments ranging from property development, gas supply, ferry service, hospital, hotel management to logistics. Henderson Land has flourished over the past 40 years. Among the local property developers, Henderson Land owns the largest number of urban renewal sites and plots of agricultural land in the New Territories, which are worth over HK\$200 billion in total. The Hong Kong and China Gas Company has business in both Hong Kong and mainland China, where it runs the largest urban pipeline gas enterprise operated by a non-mainland entity. It has more than 250 ongoing investment projects on the mainland with a value of over HK\$250 billion. Dr Lam participated in the operation of Union Hospital, a private hospital

under the Group, and has been a director of the hospital since 1988 when the hospital project in Tai Wai was kicked off. Over the past 31 years, he has been responsible for the hospital's strategic planning and development. Union Hospital is the first accredited private hospital to provide 24-hour emergency services, and the first to roll out fixed-price medical packages that protect patients from going over-budget. The hospital also cares for the underprivileged by providing free surgeries, and launched the 'Union Hospital Charity Program' in 2006 to provide surgeries for those who cannot afford the medical fees. Such beneficence has saved many lives and warmed many more hearts.

The Group under Dr Lam's care has always been identified with compassion and goodness. The Hong Kong and China Gas Company in particular has won wide recognition for its high-quality services. When Hong Kong's economy hit the bottom at the turn of the millennium, the company froze its fee structure for seven consecutive years. In 2002, it struck a deal with Australia to ensure an uninterrupted supply of natural gas at low costs through 2031, and transferred the savings to Hong Kong's citizens in order to take some weight off their shoulders. This measure was highly appreciated by the community. Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) was awarded the '10 Year Plus Caring Company Logo' by The Hong Kong Council of Social Service, a testament to its good practices of corporate social responsibility. Hong Kong Ferry's commitment to caring for the community, its employees and the environment were among the things singled out for special mention. Dr Lam is currently Vice Chairman and Executive Director of Henderson Land Development Company Limited, Vice Chairman and Executive Director of Henderson Investment, Chairman of Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings), and a director of Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited, Miramar Hotel and Investment Company Limited, and Union Hospital. He is also a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong. Any one of these positions would have stressed out any seasoned manager, but Dr Lam

manages them all with apparent ease and strategic wisdom.

Dr Lam is a firm believer in education, taking very much to heart the saying that ‘it takes ten years to grow a tree, but a hundred to grow a person.’ For decades, Dr Lam has been actively promoting education and nurturing the younger generations. In 1992, he founded Chi Wah Foundation Limited to support youth education and help the underprivileged. A total of 36 secondary schools in Fujian, Guizhou, Jiangxi, Shandong and Jiangsu provinces, and every year about 100,000 students have benefitted from the Foundation’s generous donations. Chi Wah Foundation has also made donations to six mainland universities, namely, Peking University, Fudan University in Shanghai, Guizhou University, Nanchang University in Jiangxi, the Ceramic Institute, and Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University, to construct and renovate their integrated teaching buildings, libraries and museums. The Foundation has also endowed local educational institutions. For instance, Chi Wah Learning Commons on the Centennial Campus of HKU is named after Chi Wah Foundation. Dr Lam’s support for education knows no geographic boundaries; it is also extended to overseas institutions including the University of British Columbia in Canada and Macquarie University in Australia. Many students from all over the world are also beneficiaries of Dr Lam’s generosity.

Dr Lam places a high priority on moral education. He believes, as Confucius did, that Great Learning lies in ‘making one’s virtue shine and renew the people’, and therefore attaches great importance to moral education. Dr Lam believes that it is vital for the younger generations to be upright and diligent, and that they should give back to society when they have established themselves in society. For this reason, Chi Wah Foundation establishes scholarships and university grants to inspire students to aim for higher goals. It also organises joint school activities, as well as cultural and sport competitions, to realize the Confucian ideals of virtue, wisdom, physical fitness and social skills. Chi Wah Foundation sponsored the

Splendid Chinese Culture website, an awardee of the World Summit Awards for Best Content in e-Culture. Dr Lam hopes that his young beneficiaries will be able to tell right from wrong, lead an upright life, and contribute to society. These great aspirations and foresight from a benevolent elder and philanthropist deserve our utmost respect.

Chi Wah Foundation raised numerous relief funds, and has made emergency donations to provide medical treatment and assistance to those in distress, such as the earthquake victims in Wenchuan (Sichuan) and Qinghai. It also provided free surgeries to children who suffered from ventricular septal defects. To honour Dr Lam’s outstanding contributions to Hong Kong society, the HKSAR Government bestowed on him the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2017. He was also awarded the Degree of Doctor of Business Administration *honoris causa* by Macquarie University in recognition of his business accomplishments, and an Honorary Fellowship by HKU for his contributions to the university.

Dr Lam is also an ardent supporter of CUHK. Apart from setting up scholarships and bursaries, he supported the campus development of Lee Woo Sing College. As Dr Lee Shau-kee’s right-hand man, Dr Lam has been a long-time director of the Lee Shau Kee Foundation, providing invaluable advice on donations and charity. In 2018, Dr Lee supported the University’s teaching and research by making a major donation through the Lee Shau Kee Foundation. The students and teachers of CUHK are forever indebted to Dr Lam for the vital role he played in this act of grand magnanimity.

Dr Lam is a man of integrity whose remarkable business accomplishments are a perfect example of how Confucian business ethics should be practised. Today, we honour a gentleman of the business world and a philanthropist who cares for education and his community as well as CUHK. Mr Chairman, it is my great pleasure to present to you Dr Lam Ko-yin Colin for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

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Mr LEE Chun-kee Charlie

The Chinese character for 'fly' is a pictogram depicting a bird spreading its wings and taking off, and its meaning is indeed the motion of a bird flapping its wings in the sky. *Shuowen Jiezi*, compiled by the Eastern Han scholar Xu Shen, defines the word to mean 'a bird soaring high'. Human beings cannot fly, but over the centuries, we have attached our hopes and aspirations to the idea of levitation. We dream of soaring above the clouds, flying unfettered as far as the eye can see, and bringing hope and happiness to our fellow human beings below.

Decades ago, people relied on ships or vehicles to travel long distances, and goods were mostly carried by land or sea freight forwarding. In the 1950s, with an acuity and determination to remain one step ahead of the times, Mr Charlie Lee founded his airfreight forwarder. With cargo flights connecting destinations across the globe, Mr Lee blazed a trail in Hong Kong's airfreight industry and made international trade much more convenient.

A native of the village of Xiaoyin, Zhangjiabian in Zhongshan city, Guangdong province, Mr Lee is the President and Chairman of the Board of the Hecny Group (Hecny). In the 1950s, Hong Kong's airfreight forwarding was limited to delivering small parcels. Anticipating a massive potential for growth in air cargo, Mr Lee founded Hecny in 1951 to take airfreight orders, pioneering changes in Hong Kong's airfreight industry with foresight and extraordinary vision. In 1956, Hecny made headlines in Hong Kong's airfreight industry by becoming one of the first International Air Transport Association (IATA) accredited agents in Hong Kong. Two years later, it made history again by becoming the first IATA registered consolidator in Hong Kong. In 1973, Hecny chartered the first Boeing 707 freighter departing from Hong Kong, and in 1974 the first DC-10 freighter departing from Hong Kong. In 1982, Hecny collaborated with British Airways to provide quality courier services between Hong Kong and London. Mr Lee's emphasis on building

a worldwide network bespeaks his farsightedness. Since the 1960s, when the concept of globalisation was still to bud, he had already begun setting up branch offices all over the world. Today, Hecny is a multinational group that employs 3,000 people in more than 70 offices across the world. Hecny's logo depicts a dragon flying imperially across the sky – symbolising not only Mr Lee's pioneering vision more than five decades ago, but also of his present-day leadership in the industry.

In addition to air freight forwarding, Mr Lee also set his sights on sea freight forwarding to meet the needs of the booming manufacturing industry since the 1960s. Today, Hecny has expanded to become a Non-vessel Operating Common Carrier (NVOCC) that handles over 5,000 Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit (TEU) containers in the worldwide each week in cooperation with major container shipping companies.

When he started Hecny, Mr Lee's office had only two desks and four employees. More than a half century later, it has developed into a leading corporation with global assets. Mr Lee built his success on diligence and a discerning eye. In the early 1950s, he had already taken many business trips to European and American countries, accumulating invaluable and extensive practical experience. He has described his business philosophy as the traditional one of 'developing steadily and moving one step at a time'. But being tradition doesn't mean not innovating. Having laid a solid foundation for Hecny, Mr Lee applied the advanced computer technology to cope with the industry's insatiable needs for information and new challenges. To cater for his air and sea freight forwarding businesses, Mr Lee aimed at building a worldwide logistics network which has handled 65,000 tonnes of air cargo, 300,000 standard containers and over 100 million courier parcels in 2018. Despite the colossal scale of his business, Mr Lee always resorts to simple principles and methods to address issues in the ever-changing global environment, thus

truly embodying the mission of Hecny: 'To provide simple solutions for a complex world'.

While he was going from strength to strength in business, Mr Lee has not forgotten his roots. His beneficence reached back to his hometown. In his father's name, he funded the Xiaoyin Li Songling School in the village of Xiaoyin and its Foundation Tower. He also made donations to Nanlang Yunqu Middle School, the alumni association and education fund of the No.1 Middle School of Zhongshan, and Qifa Middle School, as well as sponsoring the village's power station and hospital projects. In the 1970s, it has no electricity in the neighbourhood area of the village, so Mr Lee was the first one donated an electric generator to make the whole village brightened. In recognition of his benevolence and contributions, he was made an honorary citizen of Zhongshan. Mr Lee has also generously supported the development of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) with a great donation via The Charlie Lee Charitable Foundation in support of numerous research projects, enormously benefitting CUHK's education cause.

Mr Lee has operated in the freight forwarding business for over half a century, thriving expertly and profitably through his entrepreneurial spirit, and benefitting the industrial sector. His business presence soars across the world, but his heart is also set on enhancing his hometown's well-being and education. Over the years, he has been a role model and philanthropist, offering passionate support and generous donations to our University. Mr Chairman, it is my great pleasure to present to you Mr Lee Chun-kee Charlie for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

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Mr LEE Tak-lun William

According to the *Guide* chapter in *Shuo Yuan* by Liu Xiang of the Western Han Dynasty, when one practises virtue, happiness and success will come naturally. This is best exemplified in the Lee's family from Ningbo, Zhejiang, members of which have long devoted themselves to charitable work for the public good. Dr Lee Woo-sing and his son, Mr William Lee Tak-lun, have made repeated donations to the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) to help groom generations of talent for society. Mr William Lee's daughter, Ms Rosa Lee Wai-tsang and son, Mr Robert Lee Wai-wang, have followed in their family's footsteps as generous benefactors to CUHK. The Lees have passed down a legacy of philanthropy and virtue from generation to generation, and their well-known success in the financial sector bears witness to the Chinese belief that a family that accumulates goodness is sure to have prosperity and happiness.

A leading figure in Hong Kong's securities sector, Mr Lee came to Hong Kong from Shanghai at a young age, and went on to found the Grand Finance Group in 1989. In 2001, the Group's securities and futures outfit merged with Shun Loong Group. Mr Lee served as Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman of the new group, which further expanded its business. In 2003, Shun Loong Group was acquired by the wealthiest magnate in China at the time. Soon afterwards, Mr Lee acquired and restructured Winlink Securities, renaming the company to Grand Investment Securities, and later successfully listed a subsidiary of the Grand Finance Group on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The Grand Finance Group specialises in financial services and investment management across the Hong Kong, mainland China and overseas markets, covering finance, retail, real estate and information technology. The Group offers a comprehensive product range and enjoys widespread goodwill in the sector. Throughout his 40 years of experience in securities and financial services, Mr Lee has particularly excelled at securities, futures, bullion, foreign exchange and fund management. His vision

and astuteness ensure his decisions and judgments are always the best. His illustrious professional career was accompanied by numerous leadership appointments to influential financial organisations. During his tenure as President of the Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange Society (CGSE), Mr Lee spearheaded the establishment of Hong Kong's first Electronic Trading Platform in 2008. The platform ensures fair trading in gold and silver and transformed the open outcry method into electronic trading, increased the trading hours from a mere 6 to 20 a day, and turned a 99 Tael Gold trading platform to an international spot gold trading market. Each transaction made through the platform is given a code which allows the investors to easily review their trading records, thus ensuring fairness, openness and transparency. Only half a year after the launch of the platform, transaction volume had turned tenfold. For his contribution to the reform of Hong Kong's bullion trading system, Mr Lee has received high acclaim from his peers. Over the years, Mr Lee's public service has included President and Permanent Honorary President of CGSE, Vice Chairman and Life Honorary Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong, Member of the National Committee of the 12th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), Standing Committee Member of the Zhejiang Provincial Committee of CPPCC, and President of Shanghai Fraternity Association Hong Kong. In 2012, the HKSAR government decorated him with the Bronze Bauhinia Star in recognition of his contributions to promoting Hong Kong's social and financial development.

A successful career in Hong Kong has not, however, diminished his attachment to his hometown. The family of Mr Lee is from Ningbo, Zhejiang. Mr Lee was born and received education in Shanghai. The social developments of Zhejiang and Hong Kong have always been in his heart. In his roles as a Standing Committee Member of CPPCC (Zhejiang), President of the Hong Kong CPPCC (Zhejiang) Members Association and Honorary Permanent President of

the United Zhejiang Residents Associations (HK) (UZRA), he has been concerned with how the societies of Zhejiang and Hong Kong can complement each other, and how those with a common root in Zhejiang can help each other in Hong Kong. It was during his tenure as President of UZRA that he raised capital to acquire three levels within a building in a prime location in Wan Chai to serve as a gathering place for those who came from Zhejiang and those who want to enjoy authentic food from the region. The value of the property has since skyrocketed, and 'Zhejiang Heen' – the restaurant has impressed gourmards from Zhejiang and everywhere with its one Michelin star since opening in 2011. As President of CGSE, he has actively promoted the exchange and cooperation of the bullion trading sector in Hong Kong and that in Shanghai, bringing economic benefits to both cities. Over the decades, Mr Lee has also dedicated himself to improving the welfare in Zhejiang and Shanghai, offering his advice and making generous donations on everything from sewage and environmental issues to the education of the young.

Mr Lee's father, Dr Lee Woo-sing, advocates contributing to society by cultivating talent and promoting education and sees that as the best way to make a better society. This has left a great imprint on his son, who followed his father's lead by making numerous donations to mainland and local educational institutions. CUHK in particular has benefitted from his generosity, as his donations were made to set up many scholarships to support students in financial need. In 2017, when he became President of Shanghai Fraternity Association Hong Kong Limited, he initiated a donation from the Association for the establishment of Shanghai Fraternity Association Diligence Bursaries. The Bursaries offer financial aid to 65 students in need, who demonstrate diligence in their studies, and priority is given to local students. Fifteen spots would be reserved for students from Lee Woo Sing College to alleviate their financial burdens, so that they can concentrate on their studies. In 2018,

the Association lent a hand again and sponsored the establishment of a clinic of 'The Chinese University of Hong Kong – Shanghai Fraternity Association Integrative Medical Centre' in Wan Chai to promote the development of Chinese – Western integrative therapies. It supported at the same time the 'Science Academy for Young Talent of The Chinese University of Hong Kong STEM Programme' to nurture talent of advanced technology in Hong Kong. The donations mentioned above were orchestrated by Mr Lee. All of us at CUHK are forever indebted to his generosity.

Under his father's encouragement, Mr Lee founded the Grand Finance Group, which has served Hong Kong's financial sector long and well and won for itself an excellent reputation. His daughter and son, each a leading figure in finance in her/his own right, have continued his legacy. The key to the family's success comes from investing for long-term results, rather than short-term speculative gains. The Grand Finance Group upholds the philosophy of 'Investing for Generations'. But what is remarkable is that the three generations of Lees have demonstrated an unwavering resolve for charitable work and kindnesses. Their good hearts and good deeds have contributed to the betterment of society.

Mr Lee is a pioneer of Hong Kong's financial reform, a philanthropic veteran who has made selfless contributions himself and whose family has provided immense support to CUHK. Mr Chairman, it is my great pleasure to present to you Mr Lee Tak-lun William for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

Honorary Fellow A Citation

Mr Wong Man-yin Denny

Bai Juyi is one of the great Tang poets. The young Bai did not find it easy to make ends meet when he was young and had not yet established a name for himself. Once he had resolved on a literary career, he travelled from Jiangnan to the capital, Changan, to show his poetry to Gu Kuang, a literary leader at that time. Since 'Juyi' literally means 'easy living', upon seeing Bai's name on the manuscripts, Gu joked: 'Rice is expensive in Changan. Living here is no easy matter!' What Gu meant was that, given the high living standard in the capital, making a living there is not an easy matter at all. In fact, the same could be said of Hong Kong 1,200 years later. People who live in Hong Kong, especially the younger generation, have faced similar living and housing problems. The basic necessity of 'easy living' becomes a challenge. The young must be realistic and always go an extra mile in the hope of climbing up the social ladder in order to put a roof above their heads.

Forty-five years ago, Mr Wong Man-yin Denny graduated from New Asia College of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) with a Bachelor's degree major in Economics and minor in Business Administration. In a talk given at his alma mater, he shared with the students how he coped with life's challenges in the first few years after graduation and how such tribulations had made him stronger. He did not hesitate to point out that, stepping into a new workplace, fresh graduates 'should be humble, expand their social networks, be proactive, thorough and swift in acquiring new knowledge and cherish each learning opportunity.' He encouraged the students to spare no effort to take up more work so as to learn more. What is learned this way will one day become the cornerstones and assets of their careers. From his firsthand experience Mr Wong thinks that being proactive, eager to shoulder responsibilities, sincere and friendly are the keys to success. His resounding words of wisdom are music to the new graduates which will bring them lifelong benefits.

Mr Wong does not only preach a proactive and open attitude. He has practised it himself all his life. After graduating from CUHK, he worked for a leading property developer. As a new recruit, he persisted in taking up the challenges with humility, accomplishing the tasks through seeking counsel and exerting relentless effort irrespective of how demanding the work was. Mr Wong absorbed new knowledge like a sponge and always directed himself towards righteousness. He cultivated friendships with people from all walks of life with thankfulness and in good faith. In 1978, after honing his skills for four years, he co-founded the Centaline Property Agency with Mr Shih Wing-ching. The Agency started as a nano-business with only a desk and a telephone shared between the two partners, rented from a leaseholder of a small office in Central. Ten years later, the Agency was already a market leader amongst Hong Kong real estate agencies. With his high competence, discerning eye and strong leadership, Centaline Property Agency had changed the business model of real estate agency and raised the business ethics, professional conduct and service standard of the industry. By 2018, the Centaline Group had developed into a mammoth venture with 2,600 branches in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan employing over 55,000 persons. Its turnover was HK\$18.98 billion, and its after-tax profits was HK\$501 million, and even reached HK\$1.05 billion in the good year of 2017.

In 1992, Mr Wong did not further manage the Centaline Property Agency and founded Capital Property Consultants. But he did not sell his shares in Centaline Property Agency and remains until today as shareholder of Centaline Group holding 45% of its shares. In 1996, Mr Wong established the Hong Kong Chamber of Professional Property Consultants Limited with other captains of the industry and became its first Chairman. In 1999, he acquired Easy Property Co. Ltd, later also acquired Easy House Properties Ltd., then merged the two Easy real estate agencies under the trade name of Easy Property, and has served as

managing director since 2002. Nowadays, the Easy Property specializes in property agency business in Hong Kong Island East and Shatin. More than 40 years have now passed since Centaline Property Agency was founded. From Centaline Property Agency to Capital Property Consultants, and from Capital Property Consultants to Easy Property, Mr Wong has been leading his companies in new directions, onto paths not taken by other agencies before, such as establishing internal guidelines to refrain from taking part in property speculations. He places his priorities on professional ethics and services, as well as decent organisational management. He also emphasizes that a property agency should practise social responsibility. Mr Wong spares no effort in creating an easy living environment and has established himself as a leader in the industry as well as a role model for the young.

In addition to giving frequent media interviews to provide professional analyses on real estate, Mr Wong often serves as keynote speakers at public forums and community activities. Since 2000, Mr Wong has been writing articles to comment on the real estate market and to express his views on political, economic, social, educational and humanities issues. The articles are known for their perspicacity and style, and can be found in major newspapers and websites (e.g., the websites of Centaline Property Agency, Ricacorp Properties, Property Hong Kong, Many Wells Property, Easy Property and Finet etc.).

While pursuing a distinguished career in the estate agency profession, Mr Wong has not neglected his role in doing service to the community and has been lending a helping hand to the young. Every year, he donates on the average half of the net profit of Easy Property to charity, benefitting the community and setting an example of social responsibility. As a CUHK alumnus, Mr Wong cares about the development of the University and New Asia College. He has been providing caring and generous support to the cause of talent cultivation. He has served as a member of

the General Education Advisory Board of New Asia College since 2008 and the Board of Trustees since 2009. Through his selfless contributions, Mr Wong became a role model for all members of the New Asia community. He has also donated significantly to establish scholarships that encourage students to improve themselves and broaden their horizons. In 2014, he was invited to give a talk entitled 'Keys to Success – Ability, Personal Quality and Vision' for the Program for the Gifted & Talented of the Faculty of Education at CUHK, where he shared his experiences and wisdom with students and parents. Today's students are the pillars of tomorrow's society; through his benevolence, Mr Wong has sowed the seeds of many good things which will certainly be harvested by us in the years to come.

In Chinese, 'easy living' and 'pleasant living' (the Chinese name of Easy Property) are homonyms. However, a subtle difference separates them: the former speaks of a basic necessity, whereas the latter is a state to which everyone aspires. A distinguished entrepreneur, Mr Wong's distinguished career has helped to provide an 'easy living' environment for citizens. He has devoted himself to serving the community, taking care of the young, shouldering social responsibilities, and paving the way for others to attain 'pleasant living'. In recognition of his enthusiastic and generous support to CUHK and New Asia College, and his exemplifying a good alumnus model, Mr Chairman, it is my great pleasure to present to you Mr Wong Man-yin Denny for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.