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Welcome Remarks at the First Honorary Fellowship Conferment Ceremony

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Chairman of Board of Governors, Ms. Rose Lee, Chairman of College Council, Dr. Moses Cheng, Members of the Board of Governors and College Council, Distinguished Guests, Colleagues, Alumni and Students,

First of all, may I welcome you all warmly to Hang Seng Management College!

Today is a very special occasion in the history of the College as this is our first Honorary Fellowship Conferment Ceremony. The Honorary Fellowship Scheme has recently been established to recognise outstanding members of the community who have made remarkable contributions to the College, higher education and the society.

The first batch of HSMC Honorary Fellowship recipients are: Mr David Lai Ho (何乃康先生), Mr Samuel Lam Shau-tong (林秀棠先生), Mrs Helen Lee Yick Hoi-lun (利易海倫女士), Mr Kenneth Leung Ka-keung (梁家強先生), Dr Raymond Or Ching-fai (柯清輝博士) and Dr Michael Suen Ming-yeung (孫明揚博士). The six distinguished persons have been for many years closely associated with the College in different ways. They have offered their invaluable advice and supported the College's development. They also share the same passion to contribute to higher education and society through their service in various capacities. They are truly role models for our HSMC students and alumni.

On behalf of the College community, I wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Honorary Fellowship recipients. Thank you for your ardent support to the development of HSMC and your sustained commitment to the betterment of higher education and society.

Today is also an occasion for us to reflect on the mission and directions of this institution. HSMC is a non-profit, self-financed and residential higher education institution with the motto "Learning extensively and acting earnestly". We adopt the unique "Liberal + Professional" education model which puts quality learning and students' all-round development as its highest priorities. We feature award-winning green campus facilities, innovative degree programmes, small-class teaching, close student-teacher relationships, impactful research on corporate sustainability, and extensive student research, international internship and service learning opportunities, all with the aim to nurture young

talents with critical thinking, innovative minds, human caring and a sense of social responsibility.

With only a short history of seven years as a degree-granting institution, we have accomplished many breakthroughs and goals in teaching, research and services, gaining increasing recognition from the public. We aim to become a leading non-profit private university in Hong Kong, shaping and contributing to our society. The College is working hand-in-hand with our stakeholders, and is now moving forward at full speed in our pursuit of the university title by 2018.

Looking forward, I hope that our relationship with the six Honorary Fellows can be further strengthened and that they will continue to give us guidance and support our development. With the concerted efforts of HSMC family members, partners and the community, we shall bring HSMC to new advancement and scale new heights.

Finally, I invite all of you to join me in extending our hearty congratulations to the six Honorary Fellowship recipients.

Thank you very much.