



榮譽社會科學博士
Doctor of Social Science *honoris causa*
利易海倫博士
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今天，讓我們向一位數十年來對我校支持不遺餘力的女中豪傑利易海倫博士致敬。

利易海倫博士是已故利國偉爵士的夫人，亦為偉倫基金有限公司的主席。偉倫基金由利國偉爵士與利易海倫博士創立，致力支持教育、科研、醫療、文化及公益事業，歷年先後向本港、國內以至海外多所大專院校捐出巨資，推動校園發展，作育英才。這四十年來，利易海倫博士不僅見證恒生商學書院（恒商）誕生，於建校期間經常陪同利爵士親臨地盤視察，而由恒商蛻變至恒生管理學院（恒管）、進而香港恒生大學（恒大），其中利易海倫博士更有莫大貢獻。

恒大的根源，可以遠溯至上世紀七十年代。當時，何善衡博士決定建立一所培育銀行及金融界專才的學校，由利國偉爵士積極聯絡政府，取得沙田小瀝源免地價土地作為校址。1980年，憑藉恒生銀行、何善衡慈善基金會、何添慈善基金會、大昌貿易行及若干恒生銀行創辦人等慷慨捐資，設立學院基金，以及在利爵士等睿智統籌下，恒生商學書院得以成立。幾年間，從兩年制文憑學校發展成一流的預科書院。

因應本港教育制度改革，恒商於2010年重組成頒授學位的非牟利私立院校恒生管理學院。為了成全利爵士對恒管的期望，利易海倫博士認為恒管需倚仗大筆捐款來擴建校園並改善設施，以促進優質教學及創新研究，於是偉倫基金慷慨捐款，支持擴建校園。新建的教學行政大樓（D座）於2013年落成，命名為利國偉教學大樓，以表彰利爵士伉儷對學院的支持和貢獻。

2018年10月30日，恒管獲正名為大學，成為香港恒生大學。利易海倫博士欣然相告，這正是利爵士生前夢寐以求之事。此外，偉倫基金大力襄助，讓我校得以提供優質的高等教育，培育眾多年輕人才成就專業，貢獻社會，對此利易海倫博士極感欣慰。她強調學生需要機會和資源來擴闊視野，發展事業；偉倫基金將繼續支持恒大的發展。正名為大學的同年，偉倫基金再度慷慨捐助，支持我校策略發展及學生交流計劃，

因而校內的偉倫廣場以基金之名命名，以向利氏家族表達由衷謝意。

利易海倫博士寄語同學應該抓緊每個機會發掘潛能，並加以發展。她又鼓勵同學樂觀面對生活，時刻不亢不卑，還要不斷學習。以上種種皆足以讓同學勝人一籌，實為邁向豐盛人生之關鍵。

主席閣下，利易海倫博士一向樂善好施，對香港和內地的高等教育貢獻良多，影響深遠。為表揚利易海倫博士無私奉獻的精神及對教育事業的不懈支持，本人謹恭請 閣下頒授榮譽社會科學博士學位予利易海倫博士。

（中文讚辭由傳播學院院長曹虹教授宣讀）

Today, we are going to pay tribute to an extraordinary lady who has been giving unwavering support to our University for decades, Dr Helen Lee Yick Hoi-lun.

Dr Helen Lee Yick Hoi-lun is spouse of the late Honourable Sir Quo Wei Lee and Chairman of Wei Lun Foundation Limited. Wei Lun Foundation was established by Sir Quo Wei Lee and Dr Helen Lee to support education, scientific research, medical, cultural and public welfare projects. It has made substantial donations over the years to higher education institutions in Hong Kong, Mainland China and overseas to facilitate their campus development and nurture of talents. In the past 40 years, Dr Helen Lee Yick Hoi-lun has not only witnessed the birth of Hang Seng School of Commerce (HSSC), the contribution she has made to the transformation of HSSC to Hang Seng Management College (HSMC), and to The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (HSUHK) today is truly significant.

The root of HSUHK can be traced back to the 1970s. When Dr Ho Sin Hang decided to establish a school to train professionals in banking and finance, Sir Quo Wei Lee negotiated with the government to secure a piece of premium-exempt land for its campus in Siu Lek Yuen, Shatin. Thanks to the generous financial support of Hang Seng Bank, the S. H. Ho Foundation, the Ho Tim Charitable Foundation, Dah Chong Hong Limited, and several Hang Seng Bank founding directors, an endowment fund of the school was made available. Spearheaded by Sir Quo Wei Lee, HSSC was eventually established in 1980. In a few short years, HSSC evolved from a two-year diploma school to become a premier institution for matriculation studies.

In response to the education system reform in Hong Kong, HSSC was restructured in 2010 to become HSMC, a private non-profit degree-awarding institution. To carry on the legacy of Sir Quo Wei Lee and his vision for HSMC, Dr Helen Lee believed that an expansion of the campus and improvement in facilities would be needed to foster quality teaching and innovative research. The newly constructed Academic and Administrative Building (Block D) was named Lee Quo Wei Academic Building in 2015 as a tribute to Sir Quo Wei Lee and Dr Helen Lee for their generous donation to support our campus expansion.

On 30 October 2018, HSMC was granted university status and officially named The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong. Dr Helen Lee revealed to us that this

was truly the fulfilment of Sir Quo Wei Lee's vision. Furthermore, she is extremely pleased that the support of Wei Lun Foundation is able to help HSUHK to provide quality higher education for many young talents to become professionals and contribute to society. She emphasises that students need opportunities and resources to broaden their horizons and develop their careers, and that the Foundation would continue to make efforts to support the development of HSUHK. In the same year that we acquired our university title, Wei Lun Foundation made another generous donation to support the University's strategic development and student exchange programmes. The Wei Lun Square on campus is named after the Foundation to express our deep appreciation for the unfailing support of the Lee family.

In sharing her wisdom with our students, Dr Helen Lee believes they should take advantage of every available opportunity to explore and develop their potential. She also encourages HSUHK students to maintain a positive attitude in life, always stay humble, and never stop learning. Those are the ingredients of a winning edge and a key to lead a successful and fulfilling life.

Chairman, Dr Helen Lee is a life-long philanthropist who has made far-reaching contributions to higher education in Hong Kong and Mainland China. In recognition of her selfless and unwavering dedication to support education, it is my honour and privilege to present Dr Helen Lee Yick Hoi-lun to you for conferment of the Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*.

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