



Mr Alexander LAW Sau-wang
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Doctor of Humanities *honoris causa*
榮譽人文學博士

Mr Alexander Law Sau-wang is the Chairman of Yu Tai Hing Company Limited, which is a property developer in Hong Kong with business in various other areas. Mr Law is by training an architect, specialising in revitalisation of historical buildings and development of huge residential and commercial complexes. He has his own architectural consultancy firm, the S. W. Law & Associates Architects and Development Consultants Ltd. He is also the Director of Culture Technology Limited, which runs the Culture Homes, a company devoted to elderly care services.

Being a humble person with a heart to contribute to society, Mr Law and his family have been a long-time supporter of educational causes and philanthropy in Hong Kong, mainland China and overseas. A socially concerned architect, he believes that buildings and the environment should serve as psychological and cultural spaces for the betterment of life. Seeing the elderly as a stage of life that all members of society must go through and viewing culture as a succession of generations with the elderly being the source and origin, he believes that supporting the elderly is the best way to preserve culture and civilisation. With a history of 20 years, the social enterprise “Culture Homes” established by Mr Law, has

a mission to introduce Japanese and Nordic services to Hong Kong. Recently, a new and more advanced model of elderly care services based on the Scandinavian concept, called “Forward Living”, is introduced to Hong Kong under his leadership. A contemporary architectural complex consisting of two phases of buildings, “Forward Living” offers the latest retirement and assisted living facilities with medical care for the elderly. In addition, Mr Law has also built retirement support complexes and other facilities in various cities in mainland China.

Having a heart to preserve heritage and culture for the benefit of society, Mr Law advocates the revitalisation of historical and heritage buildings for the purpose of preserving culture through historic sites. His projects in the revitalisation of historical buildings can be found in Hong Kong as well as in mainland China. The following, among many others, are some examples, the Lady Ho Tung Welfare Centre in the Kwu Tung, Sheung Shui, the Old Dairy Farm Senior Staff Quarters in Pokfulam, and the Taoist Temple Sing Kung Cho Tong in Tai Po. As a way to preserve the collective memory of Wan Chai, his family which owned the Woo Cheong Pawn Shop supported it being revitalised and included into a cultural preservation project. As an architect, he has to his credit

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the completion of over 150 residential and commercial building projects in Hong Kong, mainland China and the USA. As a property developer and architect, Mr Law thinks that historical buildings are social properties and cultural artefacts that should be preserved as much as possible.

Mr Law subscribes to his family values in the belief that giving is a blessing and “it is in giving that we receive”. Over the years, he and his family have made huge donations to universities, educational institutions and charity organisations in Hong Kong, mainland China and overseas. As an ardent supporter of education, Mr Law has funded and built many schools in the Guangdong Province, particularly in the Panyu District. For his contributions to education in Guangdong, he has been named an Honorary Citizen of Guangzhou and also served as a member of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference.

A multi-talented person who is an architect, painter, poet, psychologist and business leader, Mr Law has published academic books on architectural heritage and art, personality and culture, and has held exhibitions of his drawings. His affiliation with the academic world began more than 30 years ago when he was invited to lecture at City University of Hong Kong, and has since continued at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) and Carleton University, Ottawa. He puts into practice his belief that sustained business must be based on social betterment with cultural value. He will preach his ideas of architecture as psycho-social space for better and healthier living.

Mr Law’s contributions to HSUHK include being Adjunct Professor in the School of Humanities and Social Science. In this role, he has shared his insights and wealth of

knowledge by giving a series of lectures on Art and Design, Urban Planning, Business Management, and Psychology. He also advises the School of Humanities and Social Science on programme development, staff and student development, and internship opportunities for students. Through his connections, he helps the University develop social networks. Other than academic affiliation, his contributions include substantial support to University development.

Chairman, in recognition of the contributions Mr Alexander Law Sau-wang has made to Hong Kong society and to HSUHK, may I present him to you for conferment of the Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*.

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羅守弘先生是裕泰興有限公司主席；該公司是香港地產發展商，業務涉及多個領域。羅先生是出身科班的建築師，專攻活化歷史建築及開發大型綜合商住項目，成立了個人的建築顧問公司——羅守弘建築師事務所有限公司，亦為文化科技集團主席；該集團旗下包括致力於安老服務的文化村。

羅先生為人謙遜，胸懷濟世之心，與其家族始終不懈支持香港、內地及海外的教育及慈善事業。羅先生本身是建築師，亦心繫社會，認為建築物及環境應該從心理、文化兩方面提升生活品質。他把老年視為所有人的人生必經階段，而文化則靠長者為泉源與源頭才得以世代相傳，因此認為贍養長者是保存文化及文明的無上之策。社會企業「文化村」由羅先生創辦至今已20載，矢志引入日本、北歐的服務模式。最近，在羅先生的領導下，於香港推出了以北歐概念為藍本的全新、先進安老模式——「迎進生活」。「迎進生活」是混合式現代建築項目，分兩期興建，為長者提供最新的退休、輔助生活設施及醫療服務。此外，他亦於中國內地多個城市興建了退休人士綜合項目及其他設施。

羅守弘先生懷著保存文化及文物以造福社會之心，提倡活化歷史和文物建築，藉古蹟保存文化。其歷史建築活化計劃遍及香港及內地，以下只舉數例：上水古洞的何東夫人醫局、薄扶林的舊牛奶公司高級職員宿舍、大埔道堂省躬草堂。持有和昌大押的羅氏家族為保存灣仔的集體回憶，支持把和昌大押活化並納入文化保育項目。在羅先生的建築師生涯中，見證了150多個住宅和商業項目落成，遍佈香港、內地及美國；他既為地產發展商亦為建築師，認為歷史建築屬社會共有，乃文化瑰寶，應盡量予以保留。

羅先生堅守其家族信念，深信施予是福，施予是得，多年來與其家族慷慨捐獻，惠及香港、內地和海外的大學、教育機構及慈善組織。羅先生熱心教育，造福桑梓，在廣東省資助興建多所學校，尤見於番禺區。他在廣東建校育人，仁風廣被，獲選為廣州市榮譽市民，並曾擔任中國人民政治協商會議委員。

羅守弘先生博學多才，身兼建築師、畫家、詩人、心理學家、商界領袖；發表過學術專著，廣涉建築文物與藝術、人格、文化，並舉辦過個人畫展。羅先生與學界結緣於30多年前，當時他應

邀到香港城市大學授課，往後續於香港恒生大學（恒大）和卡爾頓大學任教。他認為可持續的業務必須以造福社會、重視文化價值為本，而他本人亦躬行實踐，一向提倡建築應從心理、社會兩方面提升居民的生活品質及健康。

羅先生大力支持恒大，例如擔任人文社會科學學院客席教授，課堂上不吝講授有關藝術與設計、城市規劃、商業管理和心理學的學識洞見。其灼見真知也惠及人文社會科學學院的課程發展、教職員與學生發展，以及學生實習機會。羅先生人脈極廣，對大學建立人際網絡大有助益，除學術聯繫外，亦鼎力支持恒大發展。

主席閣下，為表彰羅守弘先生對香港社會及恒大貢獻昭著，本人謹恭請閣下頒授榮譽人文學博士學位予羅守弘先生。

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