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「仁者先難而後獲。」

“The man of virtue makes the difficulty to be overcome his first business, and success only a subsequent consideration.”

—— Confucius

(Translated by James Legge (1815-1897))

In resonance with the teachings of Confucius, Dr Edmund Tse believes that challenges and failures are inevitable experiences in life; and that without them, life can be dull and ordinary. Each challenge presents an invaluable opportunity for growth and learning, and leads to success. Having overcome numerous obstacles himself, Dr Tse’s approach to the post-pandemic era is one of foresight and vigilance.

Dr Edmund Tse graduated with his Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics from The University of Hong Kong (HKU) and obtained diplomas from the College of Insurance and the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University in the US. He joined AIA in 1961 and steadily rose through the ranks, eventually becoming President and CEO in 1983, and

Chairman and CEO in 2000. Under his leadership, AIA’s businesses experienced significant growth, particularly in the development of franchises across Asia and emerging markets. Dr Tse’s ability to make major strategic decisions for the company was backed by a trustworthy network of business partners and colleagues. He recalls multimillion-dollar project negotiations being sealed with a simple handshake at the table.

Dr Tse’s professional career spans several regions. In 1996, he was elected to the Board of Directors of AIA’s then parent company, AIG Group. He subsequently served as AIG’s Vice Chairman, AIG’s Co-Chief Operating Officer, and AIG’s Senior Vice Chairman. During his tenure, Dr Tse was in charge of the Group’s global life insurance operations in over 80 countries. Like many top executives that oversee multinational corporations, he faced the challenges that come with managing a global workforce. To balance the demands of work and family, Dr Tse developed a working model that involved flying between the US and Hong Kong every two to three weeks, ensuring that all parties received his personal input and attention.

Given his seasoned background and outstanding achievements, Dr Tse was invited to serve on the Insurance Advisory Committee of the HKSAR Government, of which he is the longest-serving member. He is also a member of the Chief Executive's Council of Advisers, and a fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Finance. In recognition of his contributions to the development of Hong Kong's insurance industry, Dr Tse was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star in 2001. He has also received an Honorary Fellowship and an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Social Sciences from HKU, and was conferred an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Business Administration by Lingnan University. In 2003, Dr Tse became the first Chinese individual elected to the esteemed Insurance Hall of Fame, and in 2017, he was awarded the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award at the Pacific Insurance Conference.

As the Director of the AIA Foundation, Dr Tse provides guidance on the allocation of funding for programmes aimed at fostering youth leadership, promoting community development, and advancing health initiatives, all with the goal of helping improve our society.

His insightful perspectives on the local and Asian insurance industry have shaped HSUHK's Master of Science in Insurance programme. Leveraging his reputation and professional network, Dr Tse has facilitated collaborations and partnerships between HSUHK and key industry players. In 2020, the AIA Foundation launched the AIA Scholarships programme, pledging US\$100 million to support 100 undergraduates annually in attending universities in Hong Kong. HSUHK is among

the 10 local universities participating in the programme, with 15 HSUHK students receiving scholarships over the past three years.

Beyond his professional achievements, Dr Tse is an expert bridge player, and has represented Hong Kong in various regional and world championships. He believes that regular mental and physical exercise keeps one fit and sharp. He is interested in the impact new technologies (e.g. ChatGPT) and educational shifts (e.g. STEAM) will have on young people and society as a whole. He emphasises that lifelong learning is the key to resilience, especially in times of global crises. Dr Tse encourages future generations to maintain optimism, embrace pressure and persevere during hardships. Through experiences and challenges, individuals can shape their values and develop a greater understanding of the world.

Chair, in recognition of Dr Edmund Tse's exceptional leadership in the actuarial and insurance industry, and his contributions to HSUHK and society, it is my great honour to present Dr Edmund Tse Sze-wing, for the conferment of the Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*.

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「仁者先難而後獲」——《論語》

謝仕榮博士秉承萬世師表孔子的教誨，認為困難和失敗是人生必經之路；未經此路，人生只會枯燥乏味，平平無奇。每一次挑戰都是成長和學習的良機，並為未來的成功鋪路。謝博士過去克服了無數難關，走進後疫情時代，仍維持其遠見卓識、敏銳觸覺。

謝仕榮博士畢業於香港大學，取得數學文學士學位，後獲美國保險教育學院和美國史丹福大學工商研究院頒授文憑。他於1961年加入友邦保險，平步青雲，至1983年任總裁兼首席執行官，2000年為主席兼首席執行官。謝博士領導友邦保險期間，友邦業務大幅增長，亞洲和新興市場特許經營業務的增幅尤為顯著。謝博士能為友邦作出重大策略決定，端賴可信的同事和業務合作夥伴為其後盾。他曾提到，數百萬元的項目在談判桌前，簡單的握手便代表雙方鎖定了協議。

謝博士的事業不限於香港。1996年，他獲選為美國國際集團（友邦保險的前控股公司）董事，隨後於集團先後擔任副主席、聯席營運總裁和高級副主席。期間，他負責集團遍佈80多個國家的全球人壽保險業務。與其他管理跨國公司的高級行政人員一樣，謝博士面對管理跨國團隊的挑戰，於是他制定了一種工作模式，每隔兩三週便往返美國和香港，確保不會忽略任何一方，以平衡家庭與工作的需要。

謝博士經驗豐富，成就驕人，獲香港特區政府委任為保險業諮詢委員會成員，是在任年期最長的成員。他亦是香港特區政府特首顧問團成員和香港金融學院院士。2001年，謝博士獲頒金紫荊星章，以表彰他對香港保險業發展的貢獻，另外亦獲香港大學頒授名譽大學院士銜及名譽社會科學博士學位，以及嶺南大學頒授榮譽工商管理博士學位。2003年，謝博士成為首位入選全球保險名人堂的華人，2017年獲太平洋保險會議頒發該會歷來首個終身成就獎。

謝博士擔任友邦慈善基金的董事，指導基金的資源分配，以贊助培養青年領袖、促進社區發展、推廣健康活動的計劃，所有計劃均旨在推動社會進步。

謝仕榮博士對香港和亞洲保險業見解精闢，令恒大的保險理學碩士課程深受啟發。謝博士運用其地位和專業人脈，讓恒大得以和業內龍頭企業成為合作夥伴。2020年，友邦慈善基金推出「友邦獎學金」計劃，承諾投放一億美元，每年資助100名本科生入讀香港的大學。恒大是參與該計劃的十所本地大學之一，三年來已有15名恒大學生獲得獎學金。

除了在保險業有傑出成就外，謝仕榮博士還熱愛打橋牌，曾多次代表香港參加地區賽和世界錦標賽。他認為定期鍛煉身心可保持體力充沛、頭腦敏銳。謝博士關注ChatGPT等新科技和STEAM等教育趨勢如何影響年輕一代以至整個社會，可見其好學不倦、適應力強。謝博士強調，面對全球危機，終身學習是延續人類命脈的根本之道。他鼓勵下一代保持樂觀，以開放的心態接受壓力和困難，歷此種種便能發現自身價值，建立成熟而睿智的世界觀。

主席閣下，為表彰謝仕榮博士在精算及保險業的卓越領導才能，以及對恒大乃至社會的傑出貢獻，本人謹恭請閣下頒授榮譽社會科學博士學位予謝仕榮博士。

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