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Professor Richard Wong is a distinguished applied microeconomist, devoted educationist, eminent institutional builder and long-serving contributor to public policy.

Few individuals have made such distinguished contributions in scholarship, in higher education leadership, and in public service. For more than five decades, Professor Wong has exemplified the highest ideals of academic excellence, institutional leadership, and commitment to society. His celebrated career demonstrates the profound impact that a scholar can achieve within and beyond academia; in public policy and in community advancement. This life-long commitment reflects Professor Wong's deep affection for Hong Kong. He once said, "I came to Hong Kong when I was two years old; since then, my heart has always been with Hong Kong."

Educated at the University of Chicago, Professor Wong is widely recognised as one of Hong Kong's most respected applied microeconomists. His research has addressed many of the city's structural and pressing economic and social challenges, including labour markets, housing, poverty, social mobility, ageing, regional development, and Hong Kong's resilience. Distinguished in both analytical rigour and practical relevance, his work appears in multi-facet forms. It leads scholarly exploration, sharpens intellectual insights and enriches policy discussion. Collectively his contributions bridge academic inquiries and public policy, leaving a profound impact on Hong Kong's advancement.

Professor Wong's scholarly influence extends far beyond academic publications. Through books, policy reports, newspaper commentaries, and public engagement, he has enriched understanding of complex economic and social issues. He also pioneered in building think tanks including the Hong Kong Centre for Economic Research and the Hong Kong Institute of Economics and Business Strategy, institutions that have continuously generated evidence-based insights for policymakers, business leaders, and the wider community. His contributions to policy research and public discourse have earned international honours, including the Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Award.

Alongside his scholarly achievements, Professor Wong has made outstanding leadership contributions to higher education. After serving at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, he joined the University of Hong Kong in 1992 and subsequently held a series of senior

leadership positions, including Director of the School of Business, Founding Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics, and Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

As Founding Dean, he establishes the foundations of what has become Asia's leading centre of business education and research. Through his vision and leadership, he gathers the academic talents and fosters a culture of academic excellence and research distinction. As Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, his institutional leadership flourishes. He is instrumental in the University's transformation, strategic development and unprecedented advancement. He has helped the University gain its top position in Asia and its renowned global stature of excellence.

Professor Wong has rendered distinguished service to Hong Kong through extensive involvement in public policy and governance. For more than four decades, he has contributed in the highest level of Hong Kong governance, provided insights to different bureaus, leading and participating in advisory bodies and many government committees. His areas of contribution include housing, economic development, financial system, poverty alleviation, education, innovation and technology. Across these areas, he has consistently brought intellectual insights, analytical rigour, and practical wisdom to policy deliberations and implementation. By translating research insights into practical solutions, he has helped shape policies that have contributed to Hong Kong's economic and social progress.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to education, housing, industry and technology development, and public service, the HKSAR Government awarded him the Silver Bauhinia Star in 1999. This honour reflects the high esteem in which he is held by both the Government and the wider community.

The impact of Professor Wong has also been deeply felt at The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong. For many years, he has generously devoted his time, expertise, and wise counsel to the institution. His service as a Director of Hang Seng School of Commerce and later as a Governor of the University reflects a longstanding commitment to supporting higher education and nurturing future generations of talent. Through his leadership and encouragement, he has contributed significantly to the University's growth and development.

Throughout his distinguished career, Professor Wong has demonstrated that the true measure of impactful scholarship lies both in intellectual achievement and service to society. As a scholar, educational leader, institution builder, and policy contributor, he has made enduring contributions to Hong Kong and beyond. His life's work embodies the scholarly ideals that universities seek to cultivate and celebrate – wisdom, integrity, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to the common good.

Chairman, in recognition of his distinguished achievements in scholarship, exemplary leadership in higher education, outstanding public service to Hong Kong and invaluable contributions to The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, I am honoured to present Professor Richard Wong to you for the conferment of the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

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讚辭

王于漸教授是傑出的應用微觀經濟學家、篤志的教育家，卓越的大學領導，以及長期貢獻公共政策的優秀領袖。

極少人能像王教授般，同時在學術研究、大學管治、公共服務三方面作出不凡貢獻。半個多世紀以來，他在學術卓越、大學領導、服務社會上都堪稱典範。他輝煌的職業生涯，充分展示了學者在學界內外、公共政策、社會進步中所能發揮的深遠影響。這份終身承諾，正好反映王教授對香港的深厚情懷。他曾說：「我兩歲來港，自此一直心繫香港。」

王于漸教授畢業於芝加哥大學，公認為香港最受尊崇的應用微觀經濟學家之一。其研究涵蓋本港多項結構性而迫切的經濟與社會課題，包括勞動市場、房屋、貧窮、社會流動、人口老化、區域發展以至香港的抗逆能力。其著作兼具嚴謹分析與實用價值，精彩多姿，既引領學術探索，深化思維洞察力，亦豐富政策討論。整體而言，其貢獻跨越學術探究與公共政策，深深影響了香港的進步軌跡。

王教授的學術影響遠超學術論著。他以著書立說、政策報告、報章評論與公眾活動的形式，令大眾對複雜的經濟與社會議題加深理解。他也是在港創建智庫的先驅，建立了香港經濟研究中心與香港經濟及商業策略研究所，這些機構持續為政策制定者、商界領袖及廣大社群提供以實證為本的灼見。王教授因政策研究與公共論述的貢獻榮獲國際殊榮，包括安東尼・費雪爵士國際紀念獎。

除學術成就外，王教授在高等教育領導方面亦偉業甚豐。他曾任教於香港中文大學，1992年加入香港大學，其後擔任多個領導層職位，包括商學院院長、經濟及工商管理學院創院院長以及首席副校長。

王教授擔任創院院長期間，為該學院奠定基礎，成為今日的亞洲領先商業教育與研究中心。他憑藉遠見與領導力，匯聚學術人才，培養追求卓越學術與傑出研究的文化。王教授在首席副校長的職務上，盡展其領導大學發展的能力。他在香港大學的變革轉型、策略發展和長足進步上，皆發揮關鍵作用，協助港大穩居亞洲頂尖大學之列，奠定卓著的全球聲譽。

王教授多年來積極參與公共政策與社會管治，對香港貢獻殊深。四十餘載以來，他活躍於政府高層次的管治工作，為多個決策局出謀獻策，並親身參與以至帶領多個諮詢組織及政府委員會。其建言獻策的領域，廣及房屋、經濟發展、金融體系、扶貧、教育、創新及科技，並以學術洞見、嚴謹分析及務實智慧，參與政策研擬與落實。他把研究成果轉化為切實可行的方案，協助制訂多項促進香港經濟發展與社會進步的政策。

香港特別行政區政府為表彰王教授對教育、房屋、工業與科技發展以及公共服務的卓越貢獻，於1999年頒授銀紫荊星章予王教授，充分反映政府及社會各界對他推崇備至。

王教授亦不吝於為香港恒生大學出謀建言，多年來慷慨付出時間、專業知識與睿智灼見。他先後出任恒生商學書院及香港恒生大學校董，足見其支持高等教育、培育後進的不懈承諾。王教授一直領導並鼓勵恒大，對恒大的成長與發展貢獻良多。

王教授在其傑出的學術生涯中，證明真正具影響力的學術成就，既在於求得學問，亦在於造福社會。王教授既是學者，亦是教育領袖，不只推動大學發展，還提供政策建議，對香港以至世界貢獻深遠。王教授的畢生事業正是大學所推崇與表彰的學術理想——睿智、誠信、領導力，以及對公益的堅定承擔。

主席閣下，王于漸教授學術成就斐然、領導高等教育的才能卓越、對香港公共服務建樹良多，且對香港恒生大學貢獻甚豐。本人謹恭請　閣下頒授榮譽法學博士學位予王于漸教授。

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