

**Welcome Remarks at the Library Then and Now
- Donation Ceremony and Sharing by Professor Strickland**

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Stella Fung Siu Wan Space for All, G/F Library, HSUHK

Professor Strickland & Mrs. Strickland, colleagues, and students,

Good afternoon.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to this momentous occasion, as we gather here to honor the remarkable contribution of over 1,200 books from Professor John Strickland and Mrs. Strickland that will enrich our library resources for our students, faculty and generations to come.

We are deeply grateful to the Stricklands' commitment to education and their belief in the transformative power of knowledge that resonate with our University's mission. This valuable collection will stand as a living legacy that will ignite curiosity, broaden perspectives, and enrich the intellectual growth of our community. A few hundreds of the books have been shelved in the Reference Collection on the first floor of the Library. We encourage you to take a moment to explore the unique titles and discover the stories they hold.

We are also honored to have Professor Strickland here today to share his insights on the significance of these books, as well as his perspectives on the evolution of Hong Kong's financial and banking sector. We are eager to learn from his wealth of knowledge.

Once again, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to John and Mrs. Strickland. Their donation represents more than just a collection; it symbolizes a commitment that we hope will encourage other scholars to make contributions to HSUHK. As we celebrate the University's 45th Anniversary this year, their meaningful contribution will indeed help our Library continue to grow and thrive as a hub of learning and discovery for the HSUHK community.

Thank you for joining us today. We look forward to the upcoming talk filled with inspiration and learning.

Thank you.