

Welcome Remarks at the Fifth Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony

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Chairman of the Board of Governors Ms Diana Cesar, Chairman of the Council Dr Moses Cheng, Governors, Council Members, Distinguished Guests, Colleagues, Students, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to the Fifth Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony of The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong. Today, we proudly confer the degree of Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*, upon four luminaries: Professor Fanny Cheung Mui-ching, Dr Roy Chung Chi-ping, Mr Michael Hui Koon-man, and Professor Zhang Weiying. Their extraordinary accomplishments not only surpass professional excellence but also make valuable contributions that drive positive change for the well-being of society.

Among these four distinguished individuals, Professor Fanny Cheung is a world-renowned psychology scholar and a pioneer in promoting gender equality in Asia. From founding the first Gender Research Centre in Hong Kong and Greater China to advocating for policies to prevent sexual harassment, as well as advocating the development of the Cross-cultural (Chinese) Personality Assessment Inventory (CPAI) personality tool for Chinese, her work reflects dedication to moral courage, social inclusion and integrating cultural differences.

Dr Roy Chung, a visionary industrialist and philanthropist, co-founded Techtronic Industries Company Limited, which is a world leading manufacturer of power tools. He later founded the Bright Future Charitable Foundation to support educational development and related initiatives across diverse regions. His work underscores his belief that education is the cornerstone of progress, and empowers students to become innovators and changemakers.

Mr Michael Hui is a legendary movie director, screenwriter and actor. His works not only changed the Hong Kong film and television industry but are also considered classics. His iconic films have captivated generations, blending humour with incisive critiques of social issues and leveraging a sociological lens to foster interdisciplinary dialogue.

Professor Zhang Weiying, a world prominent Chinese economist, is famous for his advocacy of free markets, industrial policy, and entrepreneurship. He is also regarded

as an authority figure on the theory of the firm and ownership reform. His research on entrepreneurship has largely changed the public understanding and image of entrepreneurs in China.

The four distinguished individuals we honour today serve as exemplary role models for our students, staff, and alumni. Their journeys inspire us not only to pursue excellence, but also to build a world where compassion and moral courage light the way. They also remind us that progress is made by people who have the courage and the determination to lead with purpose.

The year 2025 marks the 45th anniversary of the founding of The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong. Over the years, we have upheld our heritage and values while creating and sharing knowledge. The contributions of the four distinguished individuals we honour today will inspire the Hang Seng University's community to build a better and more sustainable world. We will remain dedicated to providing transformational education experiences through our unique "Liberal + Professional" education model that nurtures talent with critical thinking, innovative minds, human care, moral values and social responsibility.

To our newest cohort of Honorary Doctorates, thank you for joining us on this educational journey. Once again, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you!

Lastly, thank you all for your continued support in the development of The Hang Seng University.