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Remarks at the First Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony

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Council Chairman Dr. Moses Cheng, Governors, Council Members, Colleagues, Students, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to the Inaugural Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony of The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this Ceremony has been postponed twice. It is with great pride and joy that we can gather together in person today on this special occasion, though we have to limit the number of on-site guests due to social distancing requirements. We welcome our University members, friends and supporters to watch the live broadcasting sharing our joy here.

On this very memorable day, I would like to express my heartiest thanks and congratulations to the first cohort of HSUHK honorary doctorates. They are Mr. David Ho Tzu-cho, Mrs. Alice Piera Lam Lee Kiu-yue, Mrs. Helen Lee Yick Hoi-lun, and Ms. Rose Lee Wai-mun.

The four notable recipients have not only earned distinction in their chosen disciplines or professions, but have also made invaluable contributions to the development of HSUHK, higher education and the well-being of society at large. Their significant achievements have demonstrated their compelling passion to put their knowledge, expertise, and resources at the service of others. It would be our exceptional honour for these recipients to serve as role models and a source of inspiration to HSUHK and its members. They have truly lived by the University's founding motto "Erudition and Perseverance".

Bearing this motto in mind, HSUHK will continue to provide an all-round transformational learning experience to students through its unique "Liberal + Professional" education model, with an aim to nurture them to become future leaders with critical thinking, innovative minds, human caring, moral values and social responsibilities.

Looking forward, I sincerely hope that the four honorary doctorate recipients of the University will continue to give us advice and support in the years ahead, guiding HSUHK to shine as a leading non-profit private liberal-arts-oriented university in the region, recognised for excellence in teaching, learning and research, serving and advancing our society and the world.

I invite you all to join me in extending our hearty congratulations again to the four Honorary Doctorate recipients.

Thank you.