

### Welcome Remarks at the Second Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony

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

Welcome to the Second Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony of The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong! Due to COVID-19, we have to restrict to a small on-site participant size, but we have many members and friends watching via YouTube live-broadcasting today.

Our University established the Honorary Doctorate Scheme in 2019 to confer on individuals who have earned distinctions in their chosen disciplines or professions; have strong commitments to improving the well-being of society; and made major contributions or have active connections to the development of the University. It is the highest commendation that HSUHK can award to recognize outstanding members of the HK community.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude and heartiest congratulations to the four Honorary Doctorate recipients 2022. They are Dr Vincent Cheng Hoi Chuen, Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*; Mr Martin Lee Ka Shing, Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*; Prof Leo Lee Ou Fan, Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*; and Dr David Sin Wai Kin, Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*. Due to personal reasons, Dr Vincent Cheng is unable to attend the Ceremony in person today.

As highly respected leaders in their respective fields of endeavour and also staunch supporters of the University, the four Honorary Doctorate recipients have made profound contributions to the advancement of education and society. Their values in life and work, and commitment to serve are consonant with HSUHK's core values: Mutual Trust; Value-addedness; Innovativeness; Caring Attitude; and Responsibility. They have set exemplary role models for generations of HSUHK students, inspiring them to build upon their talents and drive positive changes in society.

2022 marks the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the founding of HSUHK, which have come a long way from its humble beginning in 1980. Looking forward, we will continue to uphold the spirit of our founding motto “Erudition and Perseverance”, and embrace challenges and opportunities. We will further advance our unique “Liberal+ Professional” education model to nurture students to become future global citizens with critical thinking, innovative minds, human caring, moral values and social responsibilities.

I hope that the four Honorary Doctorate recipients will forge even closer connections with HSUHK and continue to support us in the years to come, guiding us to realize our vision to become a leading private liberal-arts-oriented university in the region.

Thank you.