

Welcome Remarks at the Third Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony

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

Welcome to the Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony 2023 of The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong!

HSUHK established the Honorary Doctorate Scheme in 2019 to confer on individuals who have earned distinctions in their chosen disciplines or professions; made valuable contributions to the well-being of society; and made major contributions or have active connections to the development of the University.

This year, HSUHK will confer Honorary Doctorates on four distinguished persons. They are Prof. Christopher Hood, Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*; Mr. Alexander Law Sau Wang, Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*; Mr. Peter Wong Tung Shun, Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*; and Mr. Francis Yuen Tin Fan, Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*. My heartiest congratulations to the four recipients.

The four Honorary Doctorate recipients are prominent leaders who have made outstanding contributions in their respective fields including academia, architecture, banking and finance. They are also keen supporters of higher education and our University. Their inspirational stories and remarkable achievements motivate our students to follow their own passions and pursue their goals according to the best of their abilities.

2023 marks the 43rd anniversary of the founding of our institution and the 5th anniversary of attaining the University title. HSUHK has grown by leaps and bounds since its humble beginning in 1980 and has gradually gained recognition from the local and international communities. Looking forward, we will embrace challenges and new opportunities, both locally and beyond. We will continue to innovate in teaching,

learning and research, and stand as “A University of Choice” through our ‘Liberal + Professional’ education model, providing students with an all-round transformational and empowering educational experience.

The four recipients this year have served as exemplary role models for our young people. I sincerely hope that they will continue to maintain strong ties with HSUHK and support us in the years to come. Building on our legacy and strength and together with our stakeholders’ staunch support, I am confident that HSUHK will realize its vision to become a leading private liberal-arts-oriented university in the region.

Thank you.