

## **Address at the Honorary University Fellowship Conferment Ceremony 2024**

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Auditorium, Lee Quo Wei Academic Building, Yuen Campus, HSUHK

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

Welcome to the Third Honorary University Fellowship Conferment Ceremony of The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong! Since 2017, the University has conferred Honorary University Fellowships on exceptional individuals whose contributions impact our University and society at large. This year, we are proud to confer Honorary University Fellowships upon five remarkable individuals, they are: Ms Suzanne Chan Shet-hung, Mr Thomas Ching Wing-hong, Ms Tong Hing-min, Mr Tsang Wing-wah, and Dr Yip Kit-chuen. To our newest cohort of Honorary University Fellows, I extend my heartfelt gratitude and warmest congratulations!

The outstanding individuals we honour today are not just leaders in their professional fields, they are beacons of inspiration who have transformed challenges into opportunities. In addition to their professional achievements, they have also dedicated considerable time, resources and support to HSUHK, for which we are most grateful. On behalf of our students, alumni and staff, I express our deepest appreciation for their instrumental roles in advancing our University as a leading non-profit private liberal arts institution in the region.

The University has made remarkable advancements over its 45-year journey, achieving important milestones along the way. To mention some of our latest developments, HSUHK ranks among the top universities in research in the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao in 2024: 21st in Business and Management, 24th in Social Sciences and Humanities, and 30th in Economics and Finance, according to Research.com. We are also thrilled to see that our student team triumphed over 1,800 institutions worldwide, and won the world championship at the Ernst & Young Open Science Data Challenge 2024. On 1 November, our University hosted the Alliance of Asian Liberal Arts Universities Annual Presidents' Forum 2024 on our campus, and led many renowned allied member institutions sign a joint declaration on nurturing sustainability leadership.

Regarding campus development, in addition to the opening of the Creative Humanities Hub building in March 2024, we recently inaugurated The Create, HSUHK's new town centre at the M+ Tower in the West Kowloon Cultural District, which helps to enrich the overall learning experience of the University community as well as to engage with the public on art and culture. In the Greater Bay Area, we have launched our Mainland registered office, the HSUHK (Nansha) Centre, as our platform for connecting many partners and holding programmes and activities there.

The recent achievements mentioned above, among many others, would not have been realised without the invaluable input from many supporters of the University, including the new cohort of Honorary University Fellows we honour today. It is through their inspiration and support that HSUHK continues to navigate the challenges of tomorrow and nurture the next generation of responsible leaders. We look forward to their continued guidance and support as we continue to advance a dynamic academic environment that fosters impactful learning, innovation and collaboration.

Thank you.