

Welcome Remarks at the Fourth 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 Fourth Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony of The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong.

Established in 2019, Hang Seng University's Honorary Doctorates are conferred on individuals who have earned local, regional or international distinctions in their chosen disciplines or professions; made valuable contributions to the well-being of society; and had major contributions to or active connections with the University.

This year, the University will bestow Honorary Doctorates on three distinguished persons. They are Dr Ho Tzu-leung, Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*; Professor Elias Shiu Sai-wan, Doctor of Science *honoris causa*; and Dr Edmund Tse Sze-wing, Doctor of Social Science *honoris causa*. My heartiest congratulations to the three recipients.

The outstanding individuals we honour today are prominent leaders in their respective professional fields, covering public health, higher education and insurance. They have inspired countless others with their passion and expertise, and have always led by example. Their individual contributions through their professional work and their commitment to various causes have brought the larger society together, enabling the progress of not only the current generation, but also the generations to come. Without a doubt, they serve as role models for our staff and students.

Over four decades and beyond, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong has followed closely its founding motto "Erudition and Perseverance" and continued to embrace its innovative spirit in teaching, research and service. We are committed to fostering innovation, collaboration, and creativity among our students, faculty, and staff. Our new Creative Humanities Hub, which will officially open next Wednesday, will cater to the growing student numbers and meet the demand for more state-of-the-art teaching and learning facilities, empowering our students with new digital competencies.

As we strive to be the “University of Choice” through our “Liberal + Professional” education model, our six key teaching and research areas, including sustainability strategies and leadership, decision analytics and supply chain management, business ethics and Junzi corporations, creative and cultural policy studies, new media and social development, and translation technology, have made many impacts on society. With our efforts, I am confident that we will continue providing students with an all-round transformational and empowering educational experience, preparing them for a dynamic future.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our new Honorary Doctors for supporting the University in achieving its goals and for serving as an inspiration to our staff and students. Building on our legacy and strength and together with our stakeholders’ staunch support, I believe that our strong ties with our Honorary Doctorate recipients will take us further in realising our vision of becoming a leading private liberal arts-oriented University in the region.

Thank you.