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HKIEd Confers Honorary Doctorates on Four Distinguished Individuals

At its 20th Congregation today (14 November), The Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIEd) conferred honorary doctorates on four distinguished individuals in recognition of their remarkable contributions to social progress and the betterment of the humanities and education.

The honorary degree recipients were (in alphabetical order of their surnames):

- **Professor Howard E. Gardner**
- **Mr Joseph Koo Ka-fai, MBE, BBS**
- **Mr Lau Ming-wai, BBS, JP**
- **Mr Shen Jinkang, BBS, MH**

Speaking at the ceremony, **Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung**, HKIEd President, congratulated all 3,518 graduates on the successful completion of their studies. “I hope you graduates have been transformed from what you were upon admission to being first better people and second better-prepared professionals who have the qualities to nurture and inspire future students and the people around you”, he said.

Professor Cheung also said that the Institute is at “the final step” on its path leading to a university title, with a special review to be conducted by University Grants Committee in 2015. “The pursuit of a university title is not an end in itself”, he commented. “It is rather the Institute’s aspiration to continue contributing to the education community in Hong Kong and beyond, through our niche in education and multidisciplinary programmes related to education”.

With its traditional strength in education and the extensive network that the Institute has established with the school sector over the years, Professor Cheung was confident that it would be able to lead in learning and teaching on education, as well as research and knowledge transfer.

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