

## **Citation for Mr Chan Hung, *Honorary Fellow***

Mr Chairman of the Council:

Mr Chan Hung, founder of Principal Chan Free Tutorial World, established the free tutorial centre at the expense of his full time job as a secondary school principal because of his concerns for students from the lower echelons of society. Passionate about promoting innovative learning and education diversity, he has tirelessly dedicated his career to setting new trends with his vision of "education for all", and serving as a role model for the education sector.

Mr Chan was born to a family of educators, with his father a professor and his mother a teacher. At a tender age, Chinese New Year reunions between his mother and her former students immersed him in a joyful atmosphere and the special teacher-student relationships left him with a deep impression and inspiration, providing the impetus for his aspiration to become an educator. He gained further understanding of the field at matriculation and during his university studies, where he also learnt about the importance of social and education equality. In 1992, he graduated from university and entered the teaching profession with no hesitation.

The first school Mr Chan taught at was one with students who varied greatly in their academic and other performance. In face of the challenging environment, and witnessing others leave for greener pastures, Mr Chan found enjoyment in it. Refusing to rely on the syllabus alone, he organised various recreational clubs for dancing, poetry and drama to give a sense of fulfilment and satisfaction to his students outside the classroom. He also made use of his off-duty hours to tutor students, believing that each step he took could open a new horizon for them. Encounters with students with learning disabilities at the school also made him reflect on the emotional needs of those with special needs and the importance of connecting with the inner beings of students.

The school nonetheless closed down in 2003. Mr Chan subsequently took up the role as principal of a school under the Direct Subsidy Scheme. During his time at the helm, he put his mind to exposing students to a wide variety of learning experiences and subject areas, including business management and real estate, and paid particular attention to his students' career prospects. His novel approach earned accolades from his peers and had long-lasting impact on the field. He was named one of the top ten Direct Subsidy School principals. He later served as Secretary for the Hong Kong Direct Subsidy Scheme Schools Council and Vice Chairman of Hong Kong Private Schools Association.

At the time, the education field was undergoing a transformation as the entrenched examination-oriented culture led to its rampant commercialisation, with the lack of resources and class reductions taking a toll. While students were exhausted by the performance-based learning model, teachers were also strained to the limits by heavy duties in the promotion of schools and administrative tasks. Taking the brunt were a group of grassroots students who were often neglected due to their financial difficulties.

Deeply troubled by the phenomenon, Mr Chan resigned from his role as principal, desperately wanting to make a difference. The Principal Chan Free Tutorial World was hence established in 2009. Following years of arduous effort, the organisation has grown to have a pool of some 9,000 voluntary teachers and a membership of 10,000 students, among whom 8,000 have enjoyed the free tutorial service based on a matching scheme. In addition to tutoring, voluntary teachers are also required to provide students with advice on personal development and life planning. As mentors, they reach out to students who are going astray. Students who show potential are provided with extra help and financial support through fund-raising for further studies. Since 2013, the service has expanded to the pre-school level – offering free classes and playgroup activities to grassroots children.

With the Tutorial World going from strength to strength, Mr Chan took another stride forward, involving parents and empowering them. To fundamentally change the deep-rooted culture in education, he believes parents should also be educated and informed about alternatives so that they will play a part in pushing for change. With this in mind, the Mobile Classroom was set up in 2015 to provide class demonstrations in various districts across the city, often conducted in pop-up classrooms built with inflatables. Parents Camp allows parents to gain first-hand experience of innovative and fun learning by becoming students themselves. The Jockey Club Neo Education Lab is a shared space for parents and those involved with education to mingle, exchange ideas and explore freely. Experts are invited to share their expertise at the venue.

Mr Chan has devoted his whole career to educational innovation and equality, even at times of challenges and setbacks. Last year, the passing of his wife plunged his family into hardship and financial difficulty, but he stood firm to his cause of promoting free and innovative learning in the face of lucrative alternative offers.

Mr Chairman, Mr Chan is persistent in pursuing his "education for all" vision and has contributed tremendously to education equality and catering for the needs of students with grassroots backgrounds. Actively promoting a diverse approach to teaching, he has worked tirelessly and consistently in reinstating the original purpose of education – to nurture our future generations. On behalf of The Education University of Hong Kong, I present Mr Chan Hung to you for the award of Honorary Fellowship.

**Citation for Dr Anissa Chan Wong Lai-kuen, BBS, MH, JP, *Honorary Fellow***

Mr Chairman of the Council:

A committed and exemplary leader, Dr Anissa Chan has dedicated herself tirelessly to Hong Kong education and the development of countless students and future educators. Across a career spanning more than three decades, she has worked as a frontline teacher, a principal and an innovative advocate of ongoing professional development. As a passionate educator, she has pioneered the professional development of school leaders and served the public in numerous capacities to advance the quality of education and the well-being of Hong Kong.

Dr Chan graduated from the University of Hong Kong with First Class Honours in Chemistry in 1980. Her passion for the field led to an invitation from her professor to take up chemical research, but she decided to pursue a teaching career because she wanted to serve people directly while continuing her academic interest.

For eight years, Dr Chan taught chemistry at Ying Wa Girls' School. Her outstanding performance led to her appointment as principal of SKH Bishop Mok Sau Tseng Secondary School in Tai Po, where she served for eleven years. In 2004 she was appointed principal of St. Paul's Co-educational College (SPCC), one of Hong Kong's most prestigious schools with a century-long history of nurturing generations of outstanding leaders and intellectuals.

Over the past 13 years, St Paul's Co-educational College, under Dr Chan's leadership, has scaled new heights in terms of innovation, quantitative and qualitative expansion and a range of exciting developments across a number of areas. She celebrated many of these achievements at the school's centenary in 2015. Among the most notable recent achievements was SPCC becoming an IB World School, granted by the International Baccalaureate Organisation.

Almost all SPCC's graduates are admitted to university – and Dr Chan is extremely proud of this. However she has never believed that outstanding academic achievement is the be all and end all of education. Rather, she places equal value on fostering allround development, with particular emphasis on character building through empowering students to become compassionate and responsible global citizens able to lead purposeful lives and make meaningful contributions to their society – she is uncompromising on this.

Her love of education and thirst for knowledge motivated her to further studies. She attained a Master of Arts in Education at London University's Institute of Education in 1985, followed by a PhD in Education at Monash University in Australia in 1993. She has received numerous academic awards, including the Sir Robert Black Trust Fund Postgraduate Scholarship, Australian Postgraduate Research Award and Peter Fensham Scholarship.

Reflecting upon what it takes to be an outstanding educator and leader in the field, Dr Chan believes that good teachers are not simply shaped by hard skills, such as qualifications, years of experience or teaching methods, but more crucially by the attitudes and principles they hold: whether they believe education can make a difference, whether they truly believe students are our future and that every student should be cared and loved for what they are. Educators must be role models for the values they hold and passionate lifelong learners with positive attitudes.

Responding to the need for increased support for the professional and leadership development of school principals in Hong Kong, Dr Chan took the lead to engage a handful of principals in 2006 to champion the establishment of a ground-breaking professional body to nurture and develop new and serving principals. This group of pioneers overcame what often seemed insurmountable challenges, and many sceptics, to establish the not-for-profit, self-funded Hong Kong Principals' Institute (HKPI) in 2012.

Today, HKPI is a highly respected independent professional body supported by donations from organisations or members of the public sharing its vision. It is dedicated to the development of outstanding school leadership, offering support for the principals and vice-principals of kindergartens, primary schools, secondary schools, special schools and international schools. It has also developed a set of frameworks to assess the competencies of principals and developed a model for self-assessment to enable principals to evaluate their own state of development.

Dr Chan regularly shares her expertise and knowledge through participating in a range of educational organisations and the tertiary institutions, including the Sub-committee on Teachers' Professional Development (SCTPD) of the Committee on Professional Development of Teachers and Principals (COTAP), the Presidential Advisory Group of The Education University of Hong Kong and the Advisory Committee on Teacher Education of the Faculty of Education at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Her public service also stretches beyond education. She has served the Independent Commission Against Corruption Complaints Committee and Long-term Prison Sentences Review Board, among many others.

Approaching retirement after having served the sector for a quarter of a century, Dr Chan has been a truly outstanding and passionate educator who has always held true to the principles and values close to her heart – justice, fairness, integrity, respect, compassion and responsibility. She has been consistent and persistent in pursuing her beliefs and goals by giving her best and doing what she believes is right. Throughout her career, her decisions, even when unpopular, have been guided by her Christian faith and core values. She often quotes the 19th century American thinker Ralph Waldo Emerson, "*It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude*".

Mr Chairman, Dr Chan has made life-long contributions both as a frontline educator and through her work in the development of future educators and education leadership. She

has also contributed significantly to the well-being of society. On behalf of The Education University of Hong Kong, I present Dr Anissa Chan Wong Lai-kuen to you for the award of Honorary Fellowship.

## **Citation for Mr Fung Sun-kwan, *Honorary Fellow***

Mr Chairman of the Council:

Mr Fung Sun-kwan is deeply passionate about education, contributing to the field with unswerving support over the years. He has tirelessly dedicated himself to the construction of schools and education infrastructure on the Mainland, holding the nation's long-term development dear to his heart. He has established the charitable Fung Sun Kwan Chinese Arts Foundation, with his philanthropic endeavours and propagation of traditional Chinese virtues benefiting numerous young minds.

Born in Hong Kong, Mr Fung attended private education at the age of four, when he became well-versed in Chinese classics such as the Thousand Character Essay and the Three Character Classic. The following years of primary schooling at Dao Kwan School were marred by the Japanese invasion of China. His principal, Wong Chik-sang, who had been trained at the Whampoa Military Academy, often reminded his students of their Chinese identity and the survival of the nation by standing up against the invasion, forming vivid memories of Mr Fung's early childhood. The principal led teams of students and teachers to help injured soldiers when Japan invaded Hong Kong. During the period, Mr Fung's family plunged into financial crisis because his father, Fung Yat, a shipbuilding technician, refused to work for the Japanese army. The entire family fled to Guangzhou later and the young Mr Fung was forced to leave school. Deeply influenced by his father's unwavering allegiance to the country and the patriotic values instilled in him during his early childhood education, his nationalistic ideals were forged and he felt an indispensable link to traditional Chinese culture and the country.

After Japan surrendered, Fung Yat returned to Hong Kong — but his son would later go abroad to further his studies in naval architecture, following in his father's professional footsteps. After his studies at the Royal College of Science and Technology in Scotland, he returned to Hong Kong and had a brief stint at the Hong Kong Shipyard Limited. In 1963, he built his own shipyard on a plot of land in Kowloon he acquired through a government tender, and his company prospered under his leadership.

Mr Fung's philanthropic efforts in education and community services started to make a mark in 1973 when he provided financial support to the then Hong Kong Baptist College, which was struggling financially with government funding denied. He took part in the establishment of the first arts centre in Hong Kong in the same year. He also became involved in various institutions and community services. Other than engaging in the Boy Scouts, over the years he has expressed concern for the well-being of ex-prisoners and the developments of children with disabilities and youngsters who are going astray. In recognition of his service and contributions, he received an Honorary Medal in the 1992 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

The ravaging floods in Eastern China in 1991 prompted Mr Fung to take his cause to the Mainland. He rendered help for the reconstruction of schools that were devastated by the floods in Wuhan, and made donations for the construction of new schools and school

refurbishment in many provinces in the years to come. Even today, he travels to see projects and schools under his charity across the Mainland. In tribute to his father, who passed away relatively young, Mr Fung often names projects and buildings after him. Earning respect for his devotion to the educational cause and his work for the welfare of children on the Mainland, Mr Fung was named Chinese Children's Philanthropist in 2002 by the China Children and Teenagers' Fund and the China Charity Federation.

Through his encounters with classical Chinese texts at a tender age, Mr Fung deeply believes in the ten virtues of traditional Chinese philosophy — benevolence, righteousness, propriety, wisdom, trustworthiness, loyalty, filial piety, integrity, resilience and harmony. He has painstakingly observed that sinology has for many years been neglected in Hong Kong's education, and even youngsters on the Mainland have limited knowledge. Therefore, he dedicated himself fully to promoting sinology after the sale of his company in 2003, and established the Fung Sun Kwan Chinese Arts Foundation in 2008. The Foundation invites universities and esteemed scholars from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan to collaborate and develop Chinese culture and national education in secondary and primary schools. Outside of the education system, the Foundation invites scholars to write books that promote the virtues and morals of traditional Chinese culture. To nurture teachers with knowledge of and appreciation for Chinese culture and for students to be familiarised with its fine virtues, the Chinese Culture-based Life Education Project has been promulgated at The Education University of Hong Kong with Mr Fung's donations. He also currently holds the roles of Honorary Life President and Vice President of the Confucian Academy.

Mr Chairman, Mr Fung is an outstanding philanthropist, and his dedication to education and his tireless propagation of Chinese culture has benefitted many both in Hong Kong and the Mainland. In commending his distinct contributions, on behalf of The Education University of Hong Kong, I present Mr Fung Sun-kwan to you for the award of Honorary Fellowship.

**Citation for Dr Lam Tai-fai, SBS, JP, *Honorary Fellow***

Mr Chairman of the Council:

A distinguished business leader and a dedicated philanthropist, Dr Lam Tai-fai has made tremendous contributions to public service, particularly in the field of education and sports. His passions and interests are diverse and his philanthropic endeavours benefit a broad spectrum of society.

From a grassroots family, Dr Lam began his career in a garment group after graduating from The Institute of Textiles and Clothing at the Hong Kong Polytechnic, the forerunner of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, in 1981. Reputed for his diligence, earnestness and devotion to work, he rose from a young trainee to Managing Director of the company in 10 years' time. Dr Lam has always been a keen supporter of the local textiles and fashion industry and determined to drive the industry's sustainable development by rendering services in various capacities including former Chairman of the Clothing Industry Training Authority, former Chairman of the Hong Kong Woollen & Synthetic Knitting Manufacturers' Association and other leadership roles in the Textile Council of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong General Chamber of Textiles.

For many years, Dr Lam has acknowledged the importance of manpower training and quality education both on the Mainland and in Hong Kong. He often says that quality education is the best long-term investment which lays the foundation of prosperity and sustainable development for the nation and society, and he has put tireless effort into education development over the years. He founded Lam Tai Fai College in 2004 with a vision to contribute to the wholesome personal growth and intellectual development of youths through a comprehensive mix of academic, aesthetic and physical endeavours.

The school aspires to lead local education by integrating academic, sports and innovative design activities to develop future community leaders, sports professionals, accomplished academics, upright citizens and cultured individuals in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Lam Tai Fai College is the first in Hong Kong to weave fashion design, sports development, innovative technology and health education into the conventional curriculum. Not only has Dr Lam provided generous financial support for the school's establishment, he has also devoted much time and effort to many aspects of its development from initial conception to strategic planning.

As a Polytechnic University Outstanding Alumni awardee, Dr Lam made a donation to establish the University's first fulltime Master's degree programme in Fashion and Textile Design in 2000. For The Education University of Hong Kong, Dr Lam provided unflinching support during its journey to becoming a university. As Chairman of the Education Panel of the Legislative Council, he gave ardent support to the University's retitling and vigorously promoted the passage of the bill, which was a landmark moment for the then Hong Kong Institute of Education, now The Education University of Hong Kong. He also shares his expertise and insights with various universities through high-level positions, including Deputy Chairman of Polytechnic University's Council and Member of the



Court, Honorary Member of the Court of Hong Kong Baptist University, and Member of EdUHK's Presidential Advisory Group.

Those close to Dr Lam, who sometimes refer to him fondly as "Tai-fai", know that he is a man of integrity and principle with a grateful heart. He believes in the maxim of "taking from society and repaying society" and has a strong sense of belonging to the nation and devotion to the community. Dr Lam began the large-scale project of building primary schools on Mainland China in 2006. Thanks to his financial support and dedication, more than 30 primary schools have been built in Henan, Qinghai, Yunnan and Hubei provinces. He has served as Member of the National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference since 2008, and Standing Committee Member of Henan Provincial Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference since 2009.

Outside work, Dr Lam is a great soccer fan and a sports enthusiast. He believes the promotion of sports is tantamount to the well-being of the public and physical competence of the future generations. He was once Chairman of the Rangers Football Club and Happy Valley Athletic Association Football Team, and Chairman of the Board and President of the Handball Association of Hong Kong, China. He was also a torch bearer in the Beijing 2008 Olympics Torch Relay in Hong Kong and gave strong support to the 2009 East Asian Games in Hong Kong as a major sponsor. He will assume the position of Chairman of the Hong Kong Sports Institute and serve as Member of the Sports Commission of the HKSAR Government in April 2017.

Among the many prestigious awards bestowed on Dr Lam are Hong Kong's Young Industrialist Award in 2000, and a University Fellowship and an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2000 and 2004 respectively. He was appointed Justice of the Peace in 2005, and received the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2006 and the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2012 from the HKSAR Government. In recognition of Dr Lam's contributions, an amphitheatre at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University was named after him in 2015, and a clock tower at Hang Seng Management College was given his name in 2016.

Mr Chairman, in recognition of his distinguished achievements as well as his contributions to the local community, particularly to the education and sports sectors; on behalf of The Education University of Hong Kong, I present Dr Lam Taifai to you for the award of Honorary Fellowship.