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## Dr Lee Yiu-fai (Yee Kok), MH



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### Honorary Fellow

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Mr Chairman,

As Abbot of the Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin Temple, Dr Lee Yiu-fai (Yee Kok) follows Master Wong Tai Sin's teaching of 'acting benevolently and teaching benevolence', performing charitable acts without vying for fame in the preaching of Taoism and the promotion of traditional Chinese culture. Dr Lee's noble deeds echo the thoughts of the 'water' metaphor in iconic Taoist philosopher Laozi's *Tao Te Ching* and its implication for virtuous acts.

In his early 20s, Dr Lee graduated from the Grantham College of Education in 1960, followed by a stint in teaching at two schools. Driven by a mission to protect the innocent from harm, he later joined the police force, serving for 33 years. During that period, he worked diligently with a strong commitment, serving as a police academy instructor. His outstanding performance was commended by the then Commissioner of Police.

Dr Lee became a devout Taoist in 1985, when he was struck by the unexpected arrest of a fugitive suspect in a murder case. The suspect was brought to justice after he ran into a uniformed policeman, who arrested him on the spot. Dr Lee came to realise the long arm of the law and the essence of justice in the context of Taoism, and began to participate in Sik Sik Yuen's voluntary work on different fronts.

After retiring from the police force in 1994, Dr Lee dedicated his time to Sik Sik Yuen. He was elected Abbot of the Wong Tai Sin Temple in 2006 and has held this important position since then. Since 2005, he has spared no effort to advance the development of Sik Sik Yuen, including offering ritual courses on repentance, training talent internally and promoting cultural heritage. Improvements have also been made to the usage of the Temple facilities. To give back to society, Dr Lee has taken up dozens of public appointments and voluntary work.

Sik Sik Yuen celebrated its centenary anniversary last year. It has established six kindergartens and eight primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong to date, in addition to five elderly care homes. It received a partnership award from the Hong Kong Red Cross in recognition of its support for blood donation activities. Every year, over 100,000 people benefit from Sik Sik Yuen's projects and initiatives. In 2016, Dr Lee was awarded the Medal of Honour by the HKSAR Government.

In 2011, Dr Lee was awarded an honorary degree in Taoism by the World Medicine Institute. A keen lifelong learner, he obtained a Master of Arts degree in Chinese Culture from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2012.

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Dr Lee has actively advocated the cultural value of Wong Tai Sin beliefs and customs, which were eventually inscribed on the National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of China in 2014. He has also been a proponent of cultural conservation. The Cultural Centre for Wong Tai Sin Beliefs and Customs – a project he led and steered to conserve and promote invaluable cultural inheritance for the wider community – became operational in 2021. The Centre integrates high-end technology with novel displays, and guided tours are specially arranged for students. Dr Lee is now working on the planning of a Sik Sik Yuen cultural and art garden which will serve as a platform for the harmonious blend of Taoism and art.

On the occasion of HKSAR's 25th anniversary, Sik Sik Yuen built a flag-raising platform in the Wong Tai Sin Temple to further the tradition of patriotism and love for Hong Kong – the first such initiative in a major religious venue in Hong Kong.

Thanks to the generous donations of Sik Sik Yuen and four other school-sponsoring and religious organisations, the University established the Centre for Religious and Spirituality Education in 2006 to foster the development of life and values education in Hong Kong and the Greater China region. Its mission is to cultivate positive values in students for character building and whole-person development. Dr Lee was appointed the Centre's honorary adviser, and he serves as the chief adviser for a project undertaken by the Centre to strengthen students' core values through multimedia learning on local religious buildings.

Mr Chairman, Dr Lee has devoted himself to religious and spiritual education for over three decades, benefitting countless students. With his deep affection for the country, he preaches and practises the teaching and philosophy of Taoism. On behalf of The Education University of Hong Kong, may I present Dr Lee Yiu-fai (Yee Kok) to you for the award of Honorary Fellowship.

# Dr Ma Kai-yum



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## Honorary Fellow

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Mr Chairman,

People from Chiu Chow, in the province of Guangdong, are famous for their drive for success, shrewd judgement and strategic decisiveness. Chiu Chow native and Chairman of Carrianna Group Holdings Company Limited, Dr Ma Kai-yum certainly epitomises these outstanding qualities. His extensive business experience has made him aware of the importance of continuous improvement and embracing challenges. This, he believes, enables him to turn crises into opportunities. Through his school supervisory role, he is eager to see students become good citizens who are affectionate to their country, have noble character and balanced development in the domains of ethics, intellect, physical activity, social skills and aesthetics.

Born into a poor family, Dr Ma grew up in an area for temporary resettlement. After finishing secondary school, he entered the garment industry, starting as an apprentice. In 1967, he and his elder brother worked together to establish Tak Sing, their first business in Hong Kong. Starting as a family business in outsourced garments using only two sewing machines, it gradually developed into a multinational group with diverse businesses, covering property, trade, hotels and catering.

Thanks to his visionary insight, macro perspective and strong business acumen, he remained ahead in an operating environment which was often affected by external factors. He has had to overcome many challenges in the business world over the years. In the 1980s, Dr Ma collaborated with a designer in the United States, providing capital for his partner to design products for the American market. Because of unimpressive sales performance after significant investment, he flew to the United States in an attempt to save the business. Regrettably, the rescue did not work out, and he eventually took the bold step of clearing out the inventory by selling all the finished products at less than one-tenth of the normal price. However, the proceeds enabled him to get back on track and gain a foothold in the industry. In hindsight, Dr Ma said he believed that all setbacks in life were nothing more than a 'grinding stone', making us even sharper and stronger. For him, only by confronting challenges and overcoming difficulties could he beat the odds and forge a brighter future.

Later, with a special craving for his hometown cuisine, Dr Ma acquired Carrianna Chiu Chow Restaurant and started to make his mark in the food industry. This key decision presented new opportunities for his company's transformation. During that period, there was keen demand for high-end dining as a result of thriving business activity. Dr Ma opened more than a dozen Carrianna restaurants, one after another, in major cities in the mainland. In 1991, Tak Sing Alliance Holdings Limited was listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The funds raised were used to expand its property development and hotel business on the mainland.

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In recognition and commendation of his significant contribution to society, Dr Ma was the laureate of the World Outstanding Chinese Award and was conferred an honorary doctorate by Morrison University in the United States in 2004. In 2008, Dr Ma decided to end his business operations in the garment industry sector in a corporate overhaul. In 2013, Tak Sing Alliance was officially renamed Carrianna Group Holdings Company Limited to leverage the brand for better development.

With great affection for his hometown, Dr Ma has consistently given back to the local Chiu Chow community. He is a leader in multiple Chiu Chow associations, including Executive Vice Chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong Chiu Chow Community Organisations Limited, Executive Director of the Hong Kong Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce, and Honorary Chairman of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Chiu Chow Public Association. He is also Honorary Chairman of a number of Chiu Chow organisations. He is passionate about uniting and mobilising the Chiu Chow community for the betterment and prosperity of Hong Kong.

Dr Ma cares deeply about the education of future generations. Through the Chiu Chow associations he leads, he dedicates considerable time and resources to nurture students. He hopes that young people will study diligently, start life-planning early, face various challenges bravely as they grow up, and reflect on setbacks. Dr Ma is currently the Supervisor of Hong Kong and Kowloon Chiu Chow Public Association Secondary School, where learning and teaching standards have improved over the years under his leadership. Adopting the motto 'Be virtuous, be knowledgeable', the school puts special emphasis on the diligent and down-to-earth character of the Chiu Chow people.

Dr Ma advocates the importance of Chinese history education, which he hopes can cultivate youngsters' sense of gratitude and affection for their family and country. It is his belief that young people should remember their roots with an objective and comprehensive understanding of the country, as well as having a sense of respect for teachers. He set an example in 2019, by making a generous donation to The Education University of Hong Kong to promote teacher education. In recognition of Dr Ma's selfless devotion, one of the lecture theatres on campus is named after him.

Mr Chairman, Dr Ma demonstrates a strong spirit of optimism and positivity. Rising from obscurity in spite of hardship, he made a name for himself as a Chinese business legend, transforming a garment factory into a catering conglomerate. With a strong attachment to his hometown, he has been a role model in promoting the Chiu Chow culture while contributing to society. On behalf of The Education University of Hong Kong, I present Dr Ma Kai-yum to you for the award of Honorary Fellowship.

# Ms Ng Oi-shum



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## Honorary Fellow

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Mr Chairman,

It is often said that music can break down barriers and cultivate a good temperament. Immersion in music from an early age can help foster kindness and generosity in children. This is the wisdom embodied in the ancient Chinese classic *Liji (Book of Rites)*. That is why Ms Ng Oi-shum, General Manager of Parsons Music Corporation, is committed to advocating music education for all. It is her wish that people from any background can have the opportunity to learn and enjoy music, which can be a conduit to building bridges through cultural exchange and spreading the message of peace.

In the 1970s, after graduating from the Sir Robert Black College of Education, Ms Ng embarked on a teaching career in primary and secondary schools spanning more than two decades. She advocated what she had learnt through an experiential and pleasurable learning approach. This, she believes, can help students develop self-learning capability with a positive attitude. She is particularly concerned about those with learning difficulties and special needs. She joined the volunteer service at the Faculty of Education at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, where she helped pupils with dyslexia overcome obstacles and improve their reading and writing skills.

After Hong Kong's return to the mainland, the HKSAR Government undertook a comprehensive reform of the education system. As a pioneer in the school sector, Ms Ng insightfully took the initiative to roll out a series of support measures at her school, including the implementation of Information and Communication Technology education, digitalisation planning, network infrastructure, data processing, a technology-enhanced curriculum and teacher training.

In 2000, Ms Ng switched roles, joining Parsons Music Corporation as General Manager in Hong Kong, where she continued to cultivate talent, while expanding the company's product line and focusing on music education. In line with its mission, Parsons strives to promote music and harmony through exchanges for the benefit of the community at large. The company has grown into the world's third largest piano manufacturer, the world's seventh largest musical instrument retailer, and the largest and leading multinational music group in both Hong Kong and the mainland.

Over the years, Ms Ng has stayed true to her people-oriented belief, vowing to use arts and culture to enrich the growth and life of every individual. She has rendered unfailing support to her alma mater through the provision of scholarships at The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK). Since 2011, she has been co-ordinating Parsons' entrance scholarship for the Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Music) programme.

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Ms Ng also took the lead in establishing the Parsons Volunteer Group, bringing together music enthusiasts from all walks of life. She launched the ‘Music in Hospital’ programme to spread loving care and the power of music in various hospitals and communities. This has been incorporated as part of the University’s co-curricular service learning course ‘Music Health and Wellbeing’, enabling EdUHK students to contribute to the community through music.

Ms Ng has built an extensive social network, which she generously shares with young people. She actively promotes music in Hong Kong and the mainland, by helping improve conditions in areas deprived of sufficient professional teachers, to promote equality in education. She has provided invaluable opportunities for students to unleash their creativity and broaden their horizons by organising trips for faculty and primary and secondary students to China Three Gorges University and Railway Dam Primary School in Yichang City, Wuhan province. One of the highlights was their participation in the Yangtze River Piano Music Festival, a major annual music event in the province. To forge a close relationship between music and creative arts scholars from the two places, Ms Ng facilitates academic exchanges every year on topics such as music cultures from around the world, creative arts activities and pedagogical approaches for the benefit of music education.

Amidst the emergence of artificial intelligence technology and the metaverse, Ms Ng sees the power of technology in breaking down geographical barriers and promoting education equity. Linking experts from Europe, the mainland and Hong Kong, she has been examining the application of information technology and the flexible use of music education resources and platforms to tailor school-based curricula to deprived areas, and to support special education schools to cater for their students’ needs and narrow the learning gap.

Concurrently, Ms Ng is an honorary adviser to the UNESCO Centre for Peace, through which she hopes to unite people with music and promote world peace.

Mr Chairman, Ms Ng is committed to promoting character building and the pursuit of good virtues through music. She has worked tirelessly with her peers in the world of music, to foster talent exchange and collaboration, as well as equality in education. She has been recognised for her passion for, and contribution to, the development and heritage of music and art. On behalf of The Education University of Hong Kong, I present Ms Ng Oi-shum to you for the award of Honorary Fellowship.

# Dr Allen Shi Lop-tak, BBS, MH, JP



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## Honorary Fellow

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Mr Chairman,

Dr Allen Shi Lop-tak, President of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, and founder and Chairman of Brilliant International Group Limited, is a distinguished and renowned entrepreneur, who has lived up to the expectations of his parents. His name 'Lop-tak' means 'virtues', which is one of the "three immortalities" in *Zuo Zhuan*, an ancient Chinese narrative classic. In business, charity and education, Dr Shi has acted as an exemplary leader, who upholds the philosophy of 'taking from and giving back to society'.

Dr Shi grew up in a family of modest means, and his mother's encouragement led him to learn a trade in the printing industry on completion of his secondary school education. As a 16-year-old apprentice, he experienced a traumatic accident at work, which resulted in hospitalisation for three months and the loss of three fingers. During his long recovery process, he was grateful for the care and comfort of the hospital staff. This experience taught him the importance of helping others in difficult times and sowed the seeds of his commitment to charity and community service.

Dr Shi later moved into the clothing industry. He was determined to enhance his knowledge and enrolled in evening courses at the then Hong Kong Polytechnic (the predecessor of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)). In 1985, he took the bold step of starting his own business and founded Brilliant Printing Limited, encountering many challenges along the way. His positive, can-do attitude helped him overcome those challenges. He became an industry leader thanks to his hard work, perseverance, high standards, adaptability and willingness to learn. His company is now one of the largest and most sophisticated printing and packaging enterprises in southern China, with decades of excellence behind it. Today, Brilliant's packaging is sold around the world, resulting in steady growth in business volume. Dr Shi believes the key to success is setting clear goals and making an unwavering effort to enhance the quality, creativity and professionalism of the services offered to clients.

In the 1980s, with the policy of national reform and opening up, Dr Shi established a factory in Shenzhen, making Brilliant Printing among the first batch of Hong Kong printing firms to set up business on the mainland. He believed the success of personal achievements and Hong Kong's development were closely connected with the rapid growth of the mainland economy. He has called on his industry peers to take part in the mainland's domestic-international dual-circulation strategy, and has encouraged Hong Kong's young people to deepen their understanding of the motherland and to seize the development opportunities in the Greater Bay Area.



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As well as running his own business, Dr Shi has served the community in a number of areas and has been a member of over 80 foundations and organisations. He gives expert advice on training policy, planning and implementation to the Vocational Training Council's Printing and Publishing Training Board, of which he was a member for six years. Dr Shi is also passionate about community projects and charities. He holds key posts in organisations such as the Auxiliary Medical Service Officer's Club, the Merchants Support for Rehabilitated Offenders Committee, and the Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Brigade.

To further his knowledge of management, Dr Shi gained an Executive Master of Business Administration degree at City University of Hong Kong (CityU). He is also a staunch supporter of education and has done sterling work in youth education. For example, he has subsidised students from poor families living in mountain villages in Qinghai, Shanxi and Ningxia to complete their university studies. He has also generously donated to universities to establish scholarships and bursaries. Lecture theatres, lecture halls and executive classrooms at The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK), CityU and PolyU have been named after him in recognition of his generosity. He is Honorary President of EdUHK Foundation, Honorary Life President of the PolyU Foundation, and a Member of the Court of CityU and Honorary Vice President of its Foundation.

In recognition of his support for education, he has since been named a Fellow by PolyU, the Canadian Chartered Institute of Business Administration, and the Asian Knowledge Management Association. He was made an Honorary Fellow by The Professional Validation Council of Hong Kong Industries, Vocational Training Council and CityU, and was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Management from Lincoln University in the United States.

To provide synergy between industry and government, Dr Shi has performed different roles in public service. He was a district council member for eight years and is a Committee Member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, a Member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, and an Honorary Fellow of the Greater Bay Area Economic and Trade Association. In recognition of his contribution to society and industry, Dr Shi was bestowed the Medal of Honour in 2007, made a Justice of the Peace in 2010, and awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2017 by the HKSAR Government.

Mr Chairman, Dr Allen Shi Lop-tak has shown an unyielding attitude in facing challenges. His innovative business management has helped him build a globally renowned printing kingdom, step by step. He has also been widely acclaimed for his contribution to society and support for local universities. On behalf of The Education University of Hong Kong, I present Dr Shi to you for the award of Honorary Fellowship.

# Mr So Wa-wai, BBS, MH



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## Honorary Fellow

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Mr Chairman,

Having won six Paralympic gold medals and broken multiple world records, Mr So Wa-wai has repeatedly made history throughout his career as an athlete. Despite his congenital condition, the now-retired athlete displayed an unyielding spirit on the running track over the years, earning him the nickname ‘Magic Kid’ in Hong Kong.

Mr So was born in Guangzhou in 1981. He had jaundice from birth, a condition that caused him permanent brain damage, affecting his muscle movement and the use of his limbs. His condition also caused a hearing impairment, which required him to wear a hearing aid. In 1983, Mr So moved to Hong Kong with his family and continued to receive hospital treatment.

His physical limitations meant that he could take his first steps only at the age of four. It was a hard-fought battle and took a huge amount of effort. Nevertheless, he has refused to be stopped by the various obstacles to move forward since birth. From a young age, he loved running, and physical education was his favourite subject at school.

In 1989, when he was almost eight years old, Mr So finally started primary school. His outstanding performance in physical education classes impressed his teachers, and he was selected to participate in the track competition of the Hong Kong Annual Athletics Meet for the Disabled, where he won several medals. This was merely the beginning of a remarkable journey from a child who simply enjoyed the pleasure of cool breezes brushing past his cheeks when he ran to becoming a legendary athlete, who triumphed against all odds.

In 1994, while still in primary school, he won a gold medal at the annual Athletics Meet for the Disabled. He was noticed by Mr Poon Kin-lui and Mr Choi Hei-fung, the two coaches who eventually played a pivotal role in his training. Under their guidance, Mr So began his professional training, improving his fitness, increasing his speed, adjusting his running gait and improving his starting position.

Just two years later, Mr So was selected to take part in the Atlanta 1996 Paralympic Games, where he represented Hong Kong for the first time. In his debut, he was a member of the 4x100m relay team, which won the gold medal. In the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney, Mr So won the 100m, 200m and 400m events and set three world records. In 2004, he won another gold medal in the men’s 200m T36 at the Athens Games.

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At the Beijing Paralympics in 2008, the ‘Magic Kid’ won the 100m bronze medal and finished sixth in the 400m. His drive to achieve greater results came with tremendous pressure, which he felt more acutely than ever. Fortunately, with the encouragement of his parents, Mr So made the psychological adjustment and won gold in the 200m, setting a new world record of 24.65 seconds. His victory was a stirring moment, greeted by enthusiastic applause throughout the entire National Stadium.

Since 1996, Mr So took part in five consecutive Paralympic Games, winning six gold medals, three silver and three bronze. He achieved many personal breakthroughs and world records. He still holds the Paralympic record for the men’s 200m in the T36 classification. Behind his success were years of tough, intensive training, together with blood, sweat and tears. Occasionally, he encountered problems with his hearing aid, which prevented him from hearing the starting pistol, made him nervous and affected his performance. In the eyes of the public, Mr So’s inborn disability had held him back right from the beginning. In his own eyes, however, hard work and perseverance marked the true starting point of his success.

Mr So’s sporting achievements, along with his relentless spirit, have moved and inspired many. Since 2000, he has won eight Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards. In 2005, he was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Persons in Hong Kong, and was awarded a Medal of Honour by the HKSAR Government in the same year. In 2008, he was voted the ‘Star of Stars’ among fellow athletes.

In 2021, his story was adapted into a film that received many accolades. It depicted his journey to becoming a star athlete and his incredible bond with his mother, Mrs So Hon Siu-ching. The ‘Magic Kid’ hopes his popularity can raise public awareness of athletes with disabilities and gain greater support for them. In 2016, upon retiring from his 20-year career as an athlete, he joined the Hong Kong Sports Association for the Physically Disabled and then the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee, supporting other athletes with disabilities.

Mr Chairman, Mr So has demonstrated a positive and fearless attitude, perseverance and dedication, and his remarkable feats on the running track have been truly inspirational and extraordinary. His touching story is the manifestation of ‘Spirit in Motion’, which represents the essence of the Paralympic Games. On behalf of The Education University of Hong Kong, may I present Mr So Wa-wai to you for the award of Honorary Fellowship.