

Honorary Awards Ceremony 2022

Address by President Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung

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Council Chairman, Council Members, our esteemed guests, colleagues, students, ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you for attending our Honorary Awards Ceremony. It gives me particular pleasure to address you on this joyous occasion, as we celebrate both the conferment of Honorary Doctorates and the award of Honorary Fellowships.

We will be conferring the Honorary Doctorates online, and their virtual participation means so much to the members of the University community.

The recipients of Honorary Doctorates and Fellowships today are iconic figures, who have made tremendous contributions to education and society as a whole. They come from different backgrounds and sectors, yet they all demonstrate remarkable passion, determination, and affection for the country. These are the attributes we wish to pass on to and inspire our future generations.

Dr Charles Chen Yidan, known as a ‘Pioneer of Chinese Internet Philanthropy’, is widely acclaimed for his vision and wisdom. His conviction that education can change the world for the better has helped nurture the future pillars of society.

Professor Ge Zhaoguang, an eminent scholar who has challenged conventional historical interpretations and provided a different perspective in the study of Chinese thought and history, is highly regarded for his strong commitment to societal care.

Capitalising on his immense talent, celebrated film director Dr Zhang Yimou has showcased Chinese cultural heritage to the world. His relentless pursuit of perfection has earned him the reputation for being the best story-telling director in China.

Dr Lee Yiu-fai (Yee Kok) is Abbot of Wong Tai Sin Temple, who has devoted himself to religious and spiritual education for over three decades. With his deep affection for Chinese culture, he preaches and practises the teaching and philosophy of Taoism.

Dr Ma Kai-yum is a quintessential businessman, who cares deeply about the education of future generations. He has not forgotten his roots and plays a key role in supporting education and the wellbeing of fellow Chiu Chownese in Hong Kong.

Ms Ng Oi-shum has devoted her entire professional life to the promotion of music and the championing of equality in music education. She has worked tirelessly with her peers in the world of music to foster talent exchange and collaboration.

Dr Allen Shi Lop-tak is a successful entrepreneur, innovator in management, and a great contributor to society through his unswerving commitment and support to education. His unyielding spirit has enabled him to overcome many difficult challenges.

Mr So Wa-wai is a world-record-breaking athlete, whose immense drive and determination led him to win gold medals at four consecutive Paralympic games. His resolute spirit has inspired many people in Hong Kong.

As well as achieving personal goals, all of these new members of the EdUHK family have shown great care for the progress and betterment of society. They embody attributes that we value and admire, and their contributions should be praised and recognised.

Please join me in congratulating these distinguished individuals for their remarkable achievements.

Thank you.