

The Education University of Hong Kong
Honorary Fellowship Presentation Ceremony 2023

**Address by the President, Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung, SBS, JP,
Officier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques**

Mr Chairman, Members of the Council, distinguished guests, colleagues, students, ladies and gentlemen,

Welcome to today's ceremony. The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) will present Honorary Fellowships to Ms Pau Chun-ping and Mr Dieter Yih, in recognition of their outstanding contributions and achievements.

Our Honorary Fellows, including Ms Pau and Mr Yih, who will very shortly be awarded Honorary Fellowships, are all leaders in the fields of education, academia, business, sports and culture, and the legal profession. They are role models for young people and are exemplary of our expectations for EdUHK graduates.

Committed to promoting Chinese culture, Ms Pau Chun-ping is a generous philanthropist, who spares no effort to preserve and pass on Chinese cultural heritage. She also actively promotes moral education, in the hope of enabling students to experience the essence of Chinese traditional culture and practise its values, cultivating a noble character and developing a healthy personality from primary education onwards.

Mr Dieter Yih is a practising lawyer, who contributes to society through his expertise in the legal profession. He believes that education can change the future and has been providing scholarships for students to study law for over 30 years. He has also been actively involved in public service. We were grateful for his wise counsel and dedication to the University during his 10 years of service on the EdUHK Council.

At EdUHK, it has always been our core mission to nurture educators and talent for society. In recent years, we have proactively ventured into new academic disciplines and have made significant progress in both teaching and research. An array of our research projects has been rated as “world-leading” or “internationally excellent”, and many of our scholars are among the top 2% of scientists, according to Stanford University. We also actively assist in enhancing the teaching and research capabilities of Belt and Road countries, including World Bank-funded projects in Vietnam and Cambodia.

All these achievements are the result of the concerted efforts of everyone at EdUHK. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those in my team, colleagues, and friends of the University who have worked with me over the past 10 years for their contributions to the University. I firmly believe in the irreplaceable role of teachers in impacting lives, even as times change and technology advances.

Before closing, I would like to congratulate the two Honorary Fellows once again, and wish everyone here good health and happiness. Thank you all!