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Conferral of the Degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*

A Citation

**The Rt Hon Lord Butterfield of Stechford, OBE, KBE, DM, MD,
FRCP, LLD(Hon), DMedSci(Hon), DSc(Hon)**

The Rt Hon Lord Butterfield of Stechford is an eminent British scientist and educator. For 40 years, he devoted himself to medicine and education, making indelible marks in both Great Britain and Hong Kong.

Born in 1920, Lord Butterfield was educated at Solihull School and attended Exeter College, Oxford University. Medicine was his professional goal but he was also an outstanding athlete. He represented Oxford in the 1940-41 Rugby game against Cambridge, was captain of the hockey team from 1940 to 1942 and of the cricket team in 1942. After college, he earned a fine military service record. He was a Major in the Royal Army Medical Corps, Army Operational Research Group from 1947 to 1950.

As a medical scientist, Lord Butterfield holds MD degrees from both Johns Hopkins and Cambridge Universities and a DM degree from Oxford (Exeter College). From 1958 to 1971, he was Professor of Medicine at Guy's Hospital and Medical School. He is the author of several books and more than 100 articles on such topics as burns, diabetes, Tolbutamide, priorities in medicine, and choice of treatment. Both Oxford (1960-66) and Cambridge (1967-75) Universities invited him to serve as their Examiner in Medicine, and both Yale and Harvard Universities welcomed him as visiting professor.

As an educator, Lord Butterfield has served as Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham University (1971-75), Master of Downing College, Cambridge (1978-87) and Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University (1983-85). Both the British University Grants Committee (1966-71) and the Hong Kong University and Polytechnic Grants Committee (1975-83) have benefited from his services. He was of course the Chairman of the Medical Sub-Committee of the UPGC which planned and launched our Medical School. To meet the urgency of the planning, he introduced the procedure of circulating the Chairman's briefing notes to all members of the Committee, to speed up decisions.

Lord Butterfield has led the work of many national and international medical boards, committees and councils. A noted authority on diabetes, he served as Chairman of the Bedford Diabetic Survey (1962), Chairman of the British Diabetic Association (1967-74) and Vice-President

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of the Council of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (1968-1971). Since 1964 he has been Consultant to WHO Expert Committee on Diabetes. Foundations and Trusts have enlisted his help in their work. He is currently the Chairman of the Jardine Educational Trust, the Health Promotion Research Trust, and the Croucher Foundation, and a Trustee of the GB-Sasakawa Foundation, among others.

Not surprisingly, Lord Butterfield has received many honours and awards. Nottingham University, UK; Keio University, Japan; and Florida International University, USA, have conferred honorary degrees upon him. He was awarded an OBE in 1953, knighted in 1978 and made Baron Butterfield of Stechford in 1988.

For his distinguished service to medicine and tertiary education in Great Britain and in Hong Kong, I present, Mr Chancellor, Lord Butterfield for the award of the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

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