

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

TWENTY-NINTH CONGREGATION

Conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Social Science, honoris causa

A Citation

Mr LAM Ying-ho

As history clearly shows, the more developed the education in a society, the more progressive it becomes. Educators in the world, past and present, have been held in high esteem. Confucius has been called the "Model Teacher for Posterity"; Socrates has been called the "Light of Wisdom". The respect they command reflects the high status enjoyed by educators.

That education has contributed to the development of brilliant brains and of a prosperous economy is obvious. In the face of constraints of all kinds, education has nevertheless succeeded in performing its functions, thanks to the hard work of our educators.

Mr Lam Ying-ho stands out as an outstanding example of one of these devoted educators. With unceasing effort, he has devoted himself to secondary education for more than three decades. While an undergraduate science student at National South-West Associated University during the war, he was convinced that the only way to save one's country was to educate and train one's people. Accordingly he was determined to make education his life-long career.

After graduation, he taught mathematics and science subjects at his alma mater, Pui Ching Middle School for over 20 years. Many of the students taught by Mr Lam have achieved great success, among them world-renowned scientists, politicians, educators and entrepreneurs. Countless students owe gratitude to this teacher.

In recognition of his immense contribution, this learned and cultured teacher was appointed principal of Pui Ching Middle School. A man of foresight and innovation, Mr Lam has not only striven to promote the tradition of Chinese education, but has also emphasized bi-lingualism while balancing arts and science subjects. All these he has performed in an exemplary manner.

Mr Lam believes in the application of educational theory. Never tired of learning, he furthered his studies, obtaining his Master's degree in Education from the University of Oregon.

Acutely aware of the close relationship between schools and the community, Mr Lam has spared no effort in rendering service to the community. He has been a member of the Hong Kong Examinations Authority and the Board of Trustees of United College of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and has served on the Board of Governors of Hong Kong Baptist College. For his service and contribution, he was awarded the Badge of Honor by the Queen in 1983.

In recognition of Mr Lam's invaluable contribution to secondary education for over three decades and of his devotion to educational ideals, I request your Excellency to confer on Mr Lam Ying-ho the degree of Doctor of Social Science, honoris causa.

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