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

A Citation

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Major Charles Frankland MOORE is a man who has spent half his life promoting Sino-British relations. Although a mechanical engineer by training, there is nothing mechanical about his approach to life. He went to the University of London but did not by any means confine his education to the British Isles. He also attended academic institutions in France and Germany. In between fighting in two World Wars in Europe at the fore-front of as well as behind enemy lines, Major Frankland MOORE directed his family's machinery business with great flair and business acumen. He has been director and chairman of many private and public companies specializing in engineering machinery and building construction. Moreover, he has also been active in various voluntary services. Among them, Major Frankland MOORE personally conceived the idea of founding the Physically Handicapped and Able-Bodied Association in Hong Kong in 1972.

During the last War when the Major was busy sabotaging enemy supply lines, Mrs. Frankland MOORE began working with Dame Isobel CRIPPS in a voluntary capacity to raise funds to support various social and educational activities in China. Owing to the fact that he was away from England on active service, Major Frankland MOORE could only give his wife moral support and encouragement. But after the War, he made up for his inconspicuous start by taking up the cause of helping overseas Chinese students with great enthusiasm. In 1948, Major and Mrs. Frankland MOORE together with Dame Isobel CRIPPS founded the Sino-British Fellowship Trust to give financial assistance to Chinese students pursuing higher education in the United Kingdom.

Today, thirty years later, many generations of Chinese scholars have benefited from this pioneering scheme. It is timely and befitting therefore that we should honour one of its founders and eternal guiding spirits at The Chinese University of Hong Kong today.

I ask you, Mr. Chancellor, to confer on Major Charles Frankland MOORE, the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

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