

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

FOURTEENTH CONGREGATION

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

A Citation

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As the first Chairman of the University and Polytechnic Grants Committee ever since its inception, Mr. Michael Herries has made a historic and monumental contribution in the promotion of higher education in Hong Kong. The Committee, as we all know, advises Government on subventions to the three institutions of higher learning. His leadership and understanding is instrumental to the success of these institutions in providing higher education for countless numbers of our young people.

Educated at Eton and later at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he obtained his Master of Arts Degree, Mr. Herries has not only inherited its fine tradition of scholarship but nurtured, through his studies, a keen concern for the well-being of others. The public of Hong Kong is thus able to benefit from the many achievements of this indefatigable leader, whose community service is as illustrious as his business enterprises. Indeed, the local community need hardly be told of the enormous contributions Mr. Herries has made to the social and economic life of Hong Kong, a city which owes so much of its progress and prosperity to this soft-spoken and modest gentleman.

In recognition of his sustained and unflinching efforts in the promotion of Hong Kong's higher education and its economic prosperity, this University recommends, Mr. Chancellor, that Your Excellency confer on Mr. Herries the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

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