

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Eleventh Congregation

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Citation for

Sidney Samuel GORDON, C.B.E., C.A., J.P.

The squire from Scotland who is being honoured on this occasion is a prominent member of his profession, a leading citizen of the community, and a dedicated supporter of higher education in Hong Kong.

Mr. Gordon was educated in Glasgow in the field of accountancy. After becoming a fully qualified Chartered Accountant, he joined the well-known firm of Lowe, Bingham & Matthews in 1947. He became a partner of the same firm in 1950 and a senior partner in 1956. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

Gifted with exceptional business acumen, dynamic personality and unusual competence, he has played an important role in the local business community for many years. Mr. Gordon has served as chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Cotton Advisory Board, Finance Committee of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, and Advisory Board of the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation. He is chairman of the Hong Kong Building and Loan Agency Ltd. and a director of the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Lane Crawford Ltd., and the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co. Ltd.

In addition to his professional successes, Mr. Gordon has been actively involved in numerous community services. His deep sense of dedication and his demonstrated effectiveness in public affairs quickly earned him recognition as one of Hong Kong's foremost citizens. He was appointed an Unofficial Justice of the Peace in 1961, ably served on the Legislative Council between 1962 and 1966 and since that time has been a member of the Executive Council. His selfless services to Hong Kong have twice been recognised by Her Majesty the Queen; first by appointment in 1965 as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and three years later as a Commander of the British Empire.

In the midst of his myriad activities, Mr. Gordon still finds time and energy to serve Hong Kong's institutions of higher education. In addition to his membership in the Court of the University of Hong Kong, he has rendered invaluable services to The Chinese University of Hong Kong as a member of the University's Council and its Finance Committee and as Chairman of the Terms of Service Committee. He has also rendered invaluable assistance as Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Lingnan Institute of Business Administration.

In recognition of his outstanding services to his profession, his dedicated efforts to improve the public welfare and his many significant contributions in the interests of higher education, this University gratefully nominates Sidney Samuel Gordon to Your Excellency for conferment of the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.