

## CITATIONS

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR DAVID CLIVE CROSBIE 'TRENCH,  
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Anyone walking the streets of Hong Kong cannot help being struck by the liveliness of the scene and the vigour of its people; besides, events of the past year have proven that there is no lack of excitement and hazard in this teeming city. A leader of the Government of this great metropolis must not only be a man of outstanding talent but of unusual energy.

Sir David, in the four years he has been the Governor of Hong Kong, has shown himself to be such a man. He knows how to find his way through the maze of red tape and bureaucracy to keep government moving forward to the greater service of the governed. He has brought to his high office and the governing of a complex and heterogenous society, calmness and firmness, fairness and vision. These are characteristics which commend him to the Hong Kong people.

Among the Chinese, a man's name is indicative of his personality. It seems that Sir David's Chinese name "麟趾" is admirably well-chosen, since a unicorn (麟) is a superior animal noted for its kindness and peace-loving nature, and it was under his superb leadership that the Government, acting with restraint and magnanimity, was able to lead us out of the perils of last year and to restore peace and prosperity in Hong Kong.

As a friend of the Chinese, Sir David has a history of long standing dating back to his first appointment as a cadet in Hong Kong in 1950. His proficiency in Chinese, his large circle of Chinese friends, and his outstanding dexterity at our finger game "猜拳" — displayed often to the dismay of his Chinese peers — bear ample testimony to his love of the Chinese people. As Chancellor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, he has promoted and nurtured its development with loving care and dedication. Under his leadership, the University is able to rise gallantly to meet the many challenges and demands our society presents to-day. Unflinchingly, the Chancellor has helped to guide and support our University so that its educational benefits may contribute effectively to the life and well-being of our community.

Mr. Vice-Chancellor, our graduand is well known to you. In inviting you to confer on Sir David the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*, we would at once express to him our gratitude for his responsible leadership of our community and also warmly bind him to our University forever, by making him a graduate.