

..... **Mr Joseph Pang Yuk-wing, JP**

Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*

Citation

Mr Joseph Pang Yuk-wing, JP, is currently Executive Director & Deputy Chief Executive of The Bank of East Asia, Limited. Mr Pang has served The Bank of East Asia loyally for nearly three decades, starting as an Executive Trainee and steadily advancing through the ranks to the senior position he holds today. There is nothing fortuitous in this achievement; Mr Pang is a dynamic embodiment of steadfastness, fortitude and enterprising spirit.

With honesty, prudence, and respect for others, Mr Pang displays the qualities most respected in a senior executive in the financial services industry. He has an immense respect for duty, carrying out all tasks, whether large or small, to the best of his ability. Responsive to customers' requests, he is skilled at delivering results. Mr Pang's dedication, solid work experience and excellent track record provide a shining example for the career professional. His sterling achievements have been greatly admired by his peers, as borne out by his election to a Fellowship of the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers in 1995 and his appointment as a Vice President of the Institute in 1998.

Notwithstanding his high level of attainment, Mr Pang is approachable, low-key and humble. He is bent on doing concrete work, never showing off his achievements. His simple working style is reflected in his business card, which mentions neither professional qualifications, nor academic degrees or honours received. He was, in fact, named a Justice of the Peace by the Hong Kong SAR Government in 2000 in recognition of his contributions to society.

Hong Kong's economic structure has changed considerably in recent years, and many throughout society now recognize the importance of lifelong learning. As a result, an ever-larger percentage of Hong Kong's working population is pursuing further education, striving to upgrade their skills. Many university graduates now proceed to postgraduate studies. In contrast, twenty years ago, university graduates were few, and fewer still were willing to invest in higher degree studies. There were exceptions to this, of course. After his graduation from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1973, Mr Pang qualified as an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers (United Kingdom) in 1975, and went on to earn an MBA at The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1981. This shows his unremitting efforts at improvement. Mr Pang's long-sighted determination for betterment is an inspiration to young people who think only of short-term economic gains and underestimate the value of long-term investment in learning.

In addition to his important position at The Bank of East Asia, Mr Pang serves as Chairman, Deputy Chairman or Member of the Board of Directors of more than thirty companies. It is not difficult to imagine the overwhelming amount of his daily work, but Mr Pang still manages to provide valuable services to the community, including his public appointments. He is ever ready to contribute to the greater good, and has demonstrated unique dynamism in spite of his numerous responsibilities. He was a Member of the Council of Lingnan University from 1992 to 2001*, became Treasurer of the Board of Governors and the Council of Lingnan College in November 1992 and Deputy Chairman of the Board of Governors and the Council in 1995. In 1999, after Lingnan was formally instituted as a university, he served as Deputy Chairman of the Council until October 2001. The past ten years have certainly been a time of rapid change at Lingnan. Under the wise leadership of the University Council and the President, and thanks to the efforts of its other members, Lingnan has evolved from a post-secondary college to a full-fledged liberal arts university. Mr Pang is justifiably proud of Lingnan's achievements today.

In addition, Mr Pang was a Member of the Council of the City University of Hong Kong and a Member of the Council of the Vocational Training Council. He is currently Chairman of the Banking and Finance Industry Training Board of the Vocational Training Council. He spares no efforts in promoting tertiary education in Hong Kong, and his contributions in this regard are enormous. Apart from his service in support of education, his other public duties are many and varied. He is Chairman of the Correctional Services Children's Education Trust Investment Advisory Board, a Member of the Process Review Panel for the Securities and Futures Commission, a Member of the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund Board, a Member of the Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service, a Member of the Financial Services Advisory Committee of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, and a Member of the Leveraged Foreign Exchange Arbitration Panel. Honoured to take part in community service, Mr Pang contributes to society with his expertise, and is generous with his time and energy in building a better Hong Kong.

Mr Pang enjoys high professional status. Yet despite his significant accomplishments, he is genuinely modest. Forward-looking and with a clear vision, he is devoted to his country and Hong Kong. He offers generous support to society, and has set a fine example in career development, moral integrity and social service. For his outstanding contributions to society, may I now present Mr Joseph Pang Yuk-wing to you for the award of the degree of Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*.

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彭玉榮太平紳士現為東亞銀行執行董事兼副行政總裁。彭先生對東亞銀行忠心耿耿，服務已接近三十年。他由小職員開始，一步一步踏上青雲路，他的非凡成就，絕非僥倖，是一個堅毅忠誠，勤奮上進的最佳例子。

從事銀行業務，日常工作必常遇到金錢及物質引誘。彭先生秉性誠實、處事小心謹慎，不為外界引誘所動，他選擇在銀行界發展，可謂如魚得水。當然，成功必須加上後天的努力。他對上司安排的大小任務，全力以赴，對客戶的要求，也本著互助互諒的精神，達致雙贏局面。彭先生默默耕耘三十年，今天的成就是長期努力的成果。一些受薪階級滿腦子發達大計，把「懷才不遇」掛在嘴邊，藉以逃避工作。以腳踏實地工作而闖出一番事業的彭先生，是受薪階級的最佳榜樣。一九九五年彭先生獲香港銀行學會選為資深會士，後於一九九八年成為該會副會長。他在銀行界的卓越表現，一直深受同業讚譽。

儘管彭先生在事業上成就顯赫，作風卻平易近人、處事低調，做事只問耕耘、不問收穫，更不炫耀個人事業的功績。彭先生踏實的處事作風，可以從他的名片中反映出來。他的名片與小職員無異，平凡得令人難以置信，既沒有註明擁有的專業資歷及高等學位，更沒有寫上香港特區政府頒予的榮譽，多項公職及公司董事身份亦沒有提及。事實上，香港特區政府於二零零零年已委任彭玉榮先生為太平紳士，表揚彭先生對社會所作出的卓越貢獻。

近年來香港經濟結構改變，政府大力提倡終身學習，受薪階級為保飯碗需不斷自我增值，因此大學畢業生多繼續考取高級學位。相比之下，二十多年前，大學畢業已是天之驕子，願意再花時間修讀高等學位課程的有如鳳毛麟角。凡事皆有例外，彭先生好學不倦、高瞻遠矚，一九七三年香港中文大學畢業後，通過繼續進修，在一九七五年考取英國特許銀行學會會士資格，並於一九八一年取得香港中文大學的工商管理碩士學位。香港的年青人事事講求短期經濟效益，對追求學問這種長遠的投資並不熱衷。彭先生目光遠大、力求上進，為青年人樹立了良好典範。

彭玉榮先生不但於東亞銀行擔任要職，而且還是三十多家公司的董事局主席、副主席或成員。彭先生日理萬機，最難能可貴的是彭先生在百忙之中仍熱心社會公益，先後出任多項公職。在多項公職中，最為嶺南人所熟悉的當然是一九九二至二零零一年間出任本校校董會成員。一九九二年十一月，彭先生出任前嶺南學院校董會暨校務會司庫，一九九五年轉任為校董會暨校務會副主席；一九九九年嶺南正名為大學後，出任大學校董會副主席至二零零一年十月。過去十年，正值嶺南成長及轉變的過程，彭先生曾親身參與。他認為嶺南由一家專上學院發展成為一所設施完備的博雅大學，歸功於校董會主席和校長的英明領導，其他董事及教職員的努力亦功不可沒，對此彭先生深感驕傲。

彭先生曾出任香港城市大學校董會成員及職業訓練局理事會委員，現任職業訓練局銀行及金融業訓練委員會主席。他出任的其他社會公職尚包括懲教署人員子女教育信託基金投資顧問委員會主席、證券及期貨事務監察委員會程序覆檢委員會委員、破產欠薪保障基金委員會委員、公務員薪俸及服務條件常務委員會委員、香港貿易發展局金融服務業諮詢委員會委員、槓桿式外匯買賣條例仲裁委員會委員等。彭先生以服務社會為己任，他以其專業知識貢獻社會，為建設更美好的香港付出大量時間和精力，這種精神令人敬佩不已。

彭玉榮先生在事業上成就卓越，在專業界別享有崇高的地位。他為人謙厚、上進，具有眼光。他憑著一顆愛國愛港的心，服務社會，公而忘私。彭先生在事業、個人操守及社會服務三方面，均為社會樹立優良典範。為表揚先生對社會的傑出貢獻，恭請主席先生頒授榮譽社會科學博士學位予彭玉榮先生。