

Sir Gordon Wu Ying-Sheung

Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*

Address

Chancellor, The Honorable Tsang Yam-kuen, Council Chairman, Dr The Honorable Leung Chun-ying, President, Professor Chan Yuk-shee, graduates and guests:

I am most honoured to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws today. It has been almost 120 years since Lingnan was founded in Guangzhou in 1888. The University took up operation in Hong Kong in 1967, and this year marks its 40th anniversary of its presence in the territory. I am most honoured to have the opportunity to join the big family of Lingnan on this occasion and deliver an address on behalf of my fellow recipients of honorary doctoral degrees.

This year's congregation is particularly meaningful, as it is held together with the installation ceremony of the President. The contributions of the past Lingnan presidents are obvious to see. I am sure President Chan Yuk-shee will be able to extend the spirit of liberal arts education. It is a great honour for us to be present at his installation ceremony.

I have a lot of appreciation for Lingnan's positioning as a liberal arts institution with Hong Kong characteristics. It is small and yet an outstanding college, with a high student residential rate, which is necessary for the purpose of liberal arts education. With long years of business experience, it is very clear to me the changes in the types of talents required by society today. It is not enough for staff to have adequate professional knowledge. What is also very important are personal qualities. I strongly believe that due to Lingnan's student-oriented approach and its heavy emphasis on students' whole person development, it produces graduates with independent thinking skills who can cope with the various challenges in our society.

My parents had far-reaching impact on me. I remember my mother once said to me: "You must not return home a failed person." This has become my motto. Therefore I have faced up to each and every obstacle, trying my utmost to complete each project and resolve every single problem. In 1979, I started planning for the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Zhuhai highway. The project was forced to halt at various stages due to different obstacles, yet I adhered to my vision and waited for the right time to proceed again. The ultimate completion of this major project was a major contribution of mine to society in my professional life. Besides, the Shajiao B,C Power Stations in Guangdong was another project of mine that greatly helped

resolve the energy shortage problem in Guangdong province. From a university that provides the greatest value-addedness for its students, I am sure Lingnan graduates will be highly sought after by Hong Kong's employers.

Being an alumnus of Princeton University, I love my alma mater a lot. I also embrace both the strong value put on education by people in the East and the Western ideal of "love one another". I was one of the only five Asian students at Princeton when I was studying there. To show my gratitude for my *alma mater* and to benefit future students, I had made donations to Princeton. Now as all universities in Hong Kong move towards internationalization, seeking to recruit more non-local students to promote cultural exchanges on campus, I have also donated to local institutions including, of course, Lingnan. I hope that my donations can allow Asian students to further their study at different parts of the world and broaden their horizons. Now, Lingnan has become my *alma mater* as with all of you. In future you can express your gratitude to your *alma mater* by various means, or even bring the biggest gift to Lingnan by making huge achievements in your future career.

Finally, once again on behalf of all the recipients of the honorary doctoral degrees, let me express my heartfelt thanks to Lingnan and wish all of the graduates every success in your future endeavours. May you all glow and shine in our society, as in the case of the Shajiao B Power Station in Guangdong. Thank you.

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曾蔭權監督先生、梁振英主席、陳玉樹校長、應屆畢業同學及各位嘉賓：

今天蒞臨嶺南大學接受榮譽法學博士銜，我深感榮幸。嶺南大學於一八八八年在廣州創校，已有接近一百二十年的歷史；嶺南於一九六七年在香港復校，適逢今年舉行四十周年校慶。在這個重要的時刻能夠有機會加入嶺南大學這個大家庭，確是有幸，而大學又給我機會，讓我代表今日幾位榮譽博士領受人致辭，我引以為榮。

今年的畢業典禮極具意義，因為今日同時舉行大學新任校長的就職典禮。嶺南歷任校長的貢獻大家有目共睹，陳玉樹校長必定能把博雅教育的精神延續下去。我們能出席校長就職典禮，更感榮幸。

我十分欣賞嶺南大學定位為一所具有香港特色的博雅教育學府。嶺大是一間小而精的大學，住宿率高，擁有推行博雅教育的先決條件。我在商界具多年經驗，深深體會現今社會對人才的需求已有所轉變。員工祇具有專業知識是不足夠的，人的素質也非常重要。嶺大著重學生為本的教學以及重視學生全人發展，我深信能夠培育具有獨立思考能力的學生，迎接社會的種種挑戰。

我的父母對我有很深遠的影響。我的母親曾經對我說：「絕對不能失敗回來。」這句說話成為我的座右銘。我一生積極面對每一個困難，努力完成每一項工程及解決每一個問題。興建廣深珠高速公路是我從一九七九年開始籌備的計劃，期間遇到不少挫折使到這項工程停滯不前；但憑著堅持理想，靜待時機，最終完成這項大型的項目，成為我職業生涯中對社會的一項重大貢獻。另外，廣東省的沙角B、C發電廠也可說是一個解決廣東省能源短缺的項目。嶺大是本地最能夠為學生增值的大學，我深信，嶺大的畢業生將會成為社會上極有用的人才。

作為普林斯頓大學的畢業生，我十分熱愛我的母校。我重視東方教育的價值觀，同時也十分體認西方博愛的思想。我在普林斯頓大學唸書的時候，是全校僅有的五名亞洲學生之一。為了答謝母校，亦為了讓日後的學生受惠，我曾捐款予普林斯頓大學。現在香港的大學都趨向國際化，能夠招收外地學生到香港就讀，大大有利於校園文化交流。因此我也捐款予本地大學，當然包括嶺南大學在內。我希望我的捐款能使亞洲學生有機會到世界各地升學，擴闊視野。現在嶺南大學已成為我和各位畢業同學的母校，將來你們可以用不同的方式表達對母校的感激之情，或許將來在事業上創出輝煌成就之時，能為嶺大送上最大的禮物。

最後，我代表所有榮譽博士學位領受人再次感謝嶺南大學，並祝願各位畢業同學前程似錦，就像廣東省的沙角B發電廠一樣，在社會「發熱發亮」。多謝各位！