



Honorary Fellow – Citation

Dr Stephen CHOW Chun-kay

Dr Stephen CHOW Chun-kay was born in Hong Kong and is a native of Xiashan, Chaoyang, Guangdong Province. He holds a bachelor degree in business, a master degree in business administration from Golden Gate University, USA, and a PhD degree in business and economics from the University of Hong Kong. Dr Chow is also the Founder and Chairman of Niche-Tech Corporation and Chows Electronics Group.

Chows Electronics is the principal supplier of ultrasonic aluminum bonding wire in the world, and is the leading supplier of a series of high-technology semiconductors and materials for electronics industry. The company was listed as one of the blue chip suppliers and agents of Hong Kong by the Consulate General of the United States in Hong Kong as early as 1988. The group established factories in China for the manufacturing of a variety of parts, materials and consumer electronic products in the same year, and has currently established manufacturing bases and service network in eight prime locations in China to provide customer services to more than 40 cities. In 2006, the group built a plant with site area of 50 acres in Shantou for the manufacturing of high-technology microelectronic raw materials and electronic products. The business concept of Dr Chow is to develop both products distribution and manufacturing, and put extra efforts in R&D by employing postdoctoral associates.

Dr Chow has been active in public service, serving the community in various capacities such as the Chairman of the board of directors of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals in 2001-2002. He was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government in 2002 to pay tribute to his significant contributions to the society, and was also appointed a Justice of the Peace in 2004. Dr Chow is currently a member of the Guangdong Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, the Vice-President of Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce, the Founding President of Chinese Entrepreneurs Organization, a member of the Social Welfare Advisory Committee of the HKSAR government, the Chairman of the Cantonese Opera Advisory Committee of the Home Affairs Bureau of Hong Kong, the Chairman of Executive Committee on Cantonese Opera Development Fund, a member of the Consultative Committee on the Core Arts and Cultural Facilities of the West Kowloon Cultural District, a Court Member of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and a member of Court and Council of Lingnan University.

Dr Chow's achievements and contributions to the community undoubtedly make him a role model. We can draw great inspiration from his life and career, which surpass the typical example of "just another enthusiastic industrial and commercial entrepreneur". Dr Chow engages himself in high-technology business, has special interest in knowledge and education, as well as, makes zealous efforts to promote culture and traditional art. All these three aspects are especially significant to the society of Hong Kong which is under the influence of globalization.

Dr Chow specializes in the manufacturing and R&D of high-technology raw materials. His dual effort in accumulating wealth and making contributions to the community has reminded us the value of wealth creation and social meaning of doing business. Dr Chow came back to Hong Kong after graduation from the United States in early years, and devoted himself to electronic business with all his heart and mind, focusing on high-technology raw material products, and became a major player in the production and R&D of materials in the global electronic industry. This is a real-life example in the society of Hong Kong.

Dr Chow places great emphasis on the pursuit of knowledge and the promotion of education. His desire for personal growth has driven him to enroll in a part-time doctoral programme despite his busy life. He spent 8 years to complete his doctoral dissertation and obtained a PhD degree in business and economics from the University of Hong Kong in 2003. In addition to serving as council and court member of two universities and making donations to charities, Dr Chow had been the Chairman of Lions Education Foundation for many years and is the Founding School Supervisor of Lions College. He has been occasionally invited to give lectures to university students. He has a dream in education, which is to integrate his practical working experience and theoretical system of school, to learn from the next generation through exchange of knowledge. His personal vision and business operations have set a good example of interaction of knowledge and implementation.

Dr Chow is dedicated to the promotion of the Cantonese Opera by devoting efforts and providing financial assistance. He follows Mr Lam Kar-sing, the Master of Cantonese Opera, as his teacher, and establishes a friendship with him. The Cantonese Opera Development Fund chaired by Dr Chow has allocated more than ten million dollars in promoting and developing Cantonese Opera, and granted three million dollars to support the establishment of the Hong Kong New Talent Cantonese Opera Troupe, which marks an important milestone in the development of Cantonese Opera in Hong Kong. It is hoped that these youths will unfold a new and modern era by passing on this traditional Cantonese art form from generation to generation and consolidating the local culture of Hong Kong. Dr Chow looks forward to the day that the Cantonese Opera will no longer be considered as an "out-dated" art form to the youth.

Mr Treasurer, in recognition of Dr Chow's deep devotion to his profession, his great contribution to the community over the years particularly in the promotion of culture and art. May I present Dr Stephen Chow Chun-kay to you for the conferment of Honorary Fellowship of Lingnan University.

周振基博士出生於香港，祖籍廣東潮陽峽山。他在美國金門大學獲取商學學士及工商管理碩士學位，並在香港大學取得經濟及工商管理哲學博士學位。周博士亦為駿碼科技集團和振基電子企業創辦人和主席。

振基電子是全球主要的超聲波鋁線供應商，也是一系列高科技半導體及電子工業物料的主要供應商。公司早在一九八八年獲美國駐港領事館列為香港主要藍籌供應及代理商之一。集團於同年在中國大陸設廠製造部份零件及電子消費產品，現已在內地八個重點地區設立了生產基地及服務網絡，為四十多個城市提供客戶服務。二零零六年，在汕頭興建佔地五十畝之廠房，生產高科技微電子原材料及電子產品。周博士的產業理念，是分銷和生產並重，更特重研究和開發，聘用不少博士級研究員。

周博士熱心社會服務，曾擔任多項公職，於二零零一至二零零二年度出任香港東華三院的董事局主席，二零零二年榮獲香港特別行政區政府頒授銅紫荊星章，表彰他對社會的卓越貢獻，二零零四年又獲委任為太平紳士。周博士現任廣東省政治協商會議委員、香港潮州商會副會長及中華企業家協會創會會長、香港特別行政區政府社會福利諮詢委員會委員、香港民政事務局粵劇發展諮詢委員會主席、粵劇發展基金執委會主席、西九龍文化區核心文化藝術設施諮詢委員、香港科技大學顧問委員會委員及嶺南大學校董會及諮議會成員等。

周博士的成就和對社會的貢獻，毫無疑問是大眾的一個學習榜樣，他的生平和事業對我們的啟示，超越了典型「熱心公益的工商業家」的例子。周博士從事高科技實業，重視知識和教育，並熱心推動文化和傳統藝術，這三方面對全球化下的香港社會具有特別的意義。

周博士專門從事高科技原材料的生產和研發，在累積財富之外，並積極回饋社會，提示了我們實業致富的價值和社會意義。周博士早年從美國畢業回港後，全力投入電子事業，專注發展高科技原材料產品，並在世界電子工業物料的生產和研發上佔有一重要席位。這是香港社會的一個實例。

周博士重視知識追尋和教育推廣，他追求個人發展的心態，驅使他在百忙的業務中仍兼讀博士學位，前後用了八年時間完成了博士論文。二零零三年，他取得香港大學經濟及工商管理哲學博士學位。除了擔任大學校董和顧問並經常作出捐獻外，周博士曾多年擔任獅子會教育基金主席，也是獅子會中學創校校監。周博士曾應邀在各大學擔任客席講課。他有一個教學夢，就是結合他實際的事業經驗和學院的理論系統，和下一代切磋知識。周博士的個人理想和公司業務，都是知識和實踐互動的範例。

周博士也是推動粵劇的有心人，出錢出力。他學藝於粵劇一代宗師林家聲先生，兩人建立了亦師亦友的情誼。周博士任主席的粵劇發展基金，已投放超過一千萬元作為推廣和發展粵劇之用，並另外撥款三百萬元支持成立香港梨園新秀粵劇團，這將會是香港粵劇發展的其中一大轉捩點。我們衷心祝愿這些年輕人繼往開來，為這一傳統廣東藝術薪火相傳，也希望香港本土文化闖出新的、現代的一頁。周博士期待著有一天，粵劇不再被年輕人視為「老土」。

司庫先生，周博士數十年來在企業發展、社會服務和文化藝術贊助推廣等方面作出了卓越的貢獻，本人謹恭請 閣下頒授嶺南大學榮譽院士予周振基博士。