



Address given by
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Treasurer Mr Yeung Kai-cheung, President Chan Yuk-Shee, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with great awe, but highest honour, that I am privileged to be here to receive an Honorary Fellowship from Lingnan University. I am particularly honoured to be able to be on this stage together with two distinguished Honorary Fellows, Dr Stephen Chow Chun-kay, and Mr Wong Kai-man, both well known leaders in their profession and in the Hong Kong community, and contemporary former Council Members of this University.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I guess I do not need to explain the high honour part of my statement, but I like you all to appreciate that, for a humble engineer to be recognized by a leading university in Hong Kong and admitted as a Honorary Fellow, is certainly awe inspiring, especially as I did not have the opportunity to further my studies after my graduation, exactly 40 years ago, as a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

I once said I was among community and professional leaders when I served as a Council Member of this University. I should also explain that when I was first appointed, my first reaction was, what could I, as a humble engineer, contribute to a university that is already successfully recognized and continuing to gain recognition as a Liberal Arts University? It was perhaps this awe-inspiring thought that prompted me to participate in my best efforts to add my tiny bit of effort to make this university grow better and faster.

I had been an engineer for almost all of my life, and this had taught and trained me to be a logical, direct and methodical person. Respecting one's responsibilities is a basic requirement, and pursuing best quality is a goal we always try but seldom achieve. As an active member of the Hong Kong Institute of Directors, I firmly believe in the need for good corporate governance, and have spent a lot of effort promoting this thought to many public and private organizations. It was perhaps this odd combination of staunch belief in logic and yearning for good corporate governance that gave me the drive and determination to perform my duties as one of your Council Members at that time.

Lingnan is a small but fast growing university. Small is beautiful not only because it is easier to see the breadth and depth of the organization, but more importantly, it is much more receptive to changes. You will appreciate the growth and change over the last few years, but I am glad to witness that, all in all, most of the changes are in the upward and forward direction. I still remember that day when UGC sent in a senior delegation to investigate our competence, and why we believe we could develop

healthily in the pursuit of Liberal Arts education. We were righteous and bold and not only were we able to show the strength of the faculty and the facilities, we demonstrated our resolute commitment and belief that this can be achieved. We were delighted to note subsequently that we have convinced the delegation. The rest is now history and we are now a few notches ahead in our goal to provide good quality liberal arts education to the lucky students with confidence and pride.

I have also commented, in previous occasions, on the apparent remoteness of this campus. It turned out that, with good transport infrastructure my fellow engineers have planned and built, we are only 40 minutes from town. With the recent opening of the West Rail, access to our campus is even more convenient and reliable. Talking about our campus, nothing pleases me more than seeing the successful completion of the extension, which not only facilitates Associate Degree lecturing, but provide a far better and spacious environment of the whole campus by slight re-planning and integration. The fact that the extension project was completed more or less on time to the original programme was almost a miracle, bearing in mind the complexity and the arduous procedures in obtaining approval from the authorities. I must also mention the Student Activities Centre that your former President, Prof Edward Chen, had promised some years ago, but for similar and publicly known reasons, took almost forever to complete.

Therefore, as I had the pleasure and honour to attend some extra-curricular events over the last eight years, and recently in the new Student Activities Centre, I can see this University growing from an adolescent era to an almost mature age. Our students are proud that they have very good facilities in the campus, including the Student Activities Centre, which is to the same high standard as the large universities. There are also a range of events which attracts our alumni to keenly visit us and to share their valuable experience with the students. Most importantly, our graduates are being sought after by leading employers who value quality with a bit of old world charm. It all adds up to a most satisfying state that this university is gaining good maturity and status.

As we are now Honorary Fellows, it will give us more opportunities to visit this University occasionally in future, and I promise all of you that I will take full advantage of my new role to return often and to enjoy the enthusiasm and vibrancy of this fast developing university.

Finally, on behalf of Dr Chow, Mr Wong, and my humble self, may I once again express my heartfelt thanks to the University Council for their appointment to Honorary Fellowship, and all of you for your encouragement and support. Lingnan will be a better university tomorrow and beyond.

楊佳鋸司庫、陳玉樹校長、尊貴的來賓、各位先生及女士：

本人獲嶺南大學頒授榮譽院士銜，深感莫大榮幸。尤其是有幸與周振基博士及黃啟民先生一同獲此殊榮，更加感到高興；兩位榮譽院士領授人均為業界翹楚及享譽盛名的香港社會領袖，他們同時也是嶺南大學的前校董會成員。

各位先生、女士，溢美之詞不用多說。值得一提的是，我只是一名工程師，在取得機械工程理學士學位後，整整四十年再沒有機會繼續深造。如今能獲香港這所具領導地位的大學認同，並頒授榮譽院士銜，確實令我乍驚乍喜。

我曾表示，嶺大校董會提供了一個讓我與社會及各行業的精英共事，並向他們學習的機會。我最初獲委任後的第一個反應是，作為一名工程師，我怎樣能夠為一間聲譽卓著，並漸獲肯定的博雅大學作出貢獻呢？可能就是這種亦驚亦喜的心情，推動我竭盡所能，使這所大學發展得更好。

我大半生擔任工程師，這職業的訓練，使我成為一個重邏輯，做事直接及有條不紊的人。尊重他人是一個基本要求，我們常常力求做到最好，但成功的例子往往不多。作為香港董事學會的活躍會員，我深信良好企業管治是必要的，並致力向多個公共及私人機構加以推廣。由於堅信邏輯，並對良好企業管治的渴求，給了我一股推動力，並決心履行校董會成員的職責。

嶺大是一所規模小但發展迅速的大學。「小即是美」，其道理不僅在於更易掌握機構的廣度與深度，更重要是能因應轉變而作出快速的行動。過去數年，嶺大取得的進展及轉變大家有目共睹，而我亦很高興能夠見證到，大部分的轉變都是進步向前的。我仍然記得有一天，大學教育資助委員會委派了一個高級代表團來評估我們的能力，並

詢問校董會成員，為何相信大學可朝著博雅教育的方向健康發展。我們實事實幹，無畏無懼，不僅向各代表介紹大學同仁及院校設施的優點，更展示出校董會為達此目標鍥而不捨的精神和信念。我們最終說服代表團，隨後的發展已不必細表。大學現在充滿信心，昂首闊步地朝著為幸運的莘莘學子提供優質博雅教育的目標邁進。

較早前，在某些場合我曾評述嶺大校園略為偏遠。不過，藉著工程界同業規劃及交通系統的逐漸完善，校園現僅離市區40分鐘路程。近年西鐵開通，往返校園便更加方便，時間掌握更為可靠。至於大學校園，很高興能看到擴建工程圓滿竣工，提供一個良好的校園設施供副學士課程學生使用，更透過輕微的重新規劃及整合，整個校園有了一個更佳和更寬敞的環境。擴建工程如期竣工，可說是一個奇蹟，因為政府部門的審批往往涉及繁複且艱巨的手續。我必須一提的是，前校長陳坤耀教授數年前曾承諾興建學生活動中心。因為類似及眾所週知的其他原因，工程受到一些延誤。據知中心最近亦快竣工。

過去八年，我有幸出席一些課外活動，隨著這新建的學生活動中心的建成，我感受到這所大學正由青春步近成年期。校園擁有的各種設施，與大型大學相比可說毫不遜色，學生亦應該感到自豪。大學過去舉辦了多項活動，請校友回校，與學生分享他們寶貴的工作經驗。嶺大的畢業生很受各大僱主歡迎，這些僱主重視學生的質素以及他們接受的全人教育。由於具有這些優點，嶺南大學漸趨成熟，地位日益鞏固。

身為榮譽院士，我們日後將會有更多機會到訪這所大學。本人承諾，會以新的角色盡力回饋嶺大，同時分享大學的熱情及活力。

最後，我謹代表周博士、黃先生以及本人再次感謝校董會頒授我們為榮譽院士，以及各位的鼓勵及支持。祝嶺大校務蒸蒸日上。