

Born in Hong Kong, Mr Chong Hok-shan is a descendant of a prominent family in Chiu Chow. The Chong Family has been well known for their enterprise in manufacturing clocks and watches. Mr Chong has successfully maintained his family's business development and currently serves as the Chairman of the Chungnam Corporation Limited and the Chung Nam Watch Co Ltd.

Mr Chong completed secondary education at Queen Elizabeth School, and then went on to further study in Canada and the United States, obtaining a Bachelor Degree in Science in McGill University and Master of Business Administration in the Columbia University respectively. After completion of higher education in the North America, he returned to Hong Kong and immediately managed his family enterprise to manufacture watch mechanism for European watch makers. Under his leadership, his family watch manufacturing enterprise quickly became one of the world's largest manufacturers of watch mechanism. Mr Chong initiated the idea and organized watch manufacturers of Hong Kong to take part in sales exhibitions in Switzerland, hence gaining valuable experience in organizing watch exhibitions. Few years later the Trade Development Council sponsored the launch of watch exhibitions in Hong Kong. His initiative has helped greatly to the development of Hong Kong watch industry. Mr Chong then established the Chungnam Corporation Limited and expanded his business into the retail market. The Corporation thus becomes a diversified enterprise in Hong Kong with a solid foundation.

In the 80's of the last century, with a sense of responsibility and commitment to society, Mr Chong applied his knowledge and experience in doing business to public and social service. He has been the Chairman of The Federation of Hong Kong Watch Trades & Industries Ltd and later a consultant of the Federation. Over the years, he was the Chairman of the Hong Kong Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce Ltd, the Chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong Chiu Chow Community Organizations, the President of the International Teochew Youth Federation, and the Director of The Hong Kong Buddhist Association as well as the Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association. Mr Chong has also served as a member of the respective Chaozhou Municipal Committee and Guangdong Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, making efforts in promoting cultural exchanges between Chaozhou and Hong Kong.

Mr Chong's ancestral origin is Chaozhou. He grew up under the deep influence of Chaozhou culture especially the story of Mr Fang Yangqiu, a respectable Chaozhou gentleman, who sold his factory and used the proceeds for flood control projects for Hanjiang. In addition, Mr Chong deeply appreciates the importance of unity among Chaozhou communities, and he admired the

noble acts of Mr Chen Bichen, a Chaozhou migrant in Thailand, who devoted much of his time to take care of the welfare of Chaozhou people in Southeast Asia. Therefore, Mr Chong considers it his responsibility to promote Chaozhou culture. Mr Chong considered that Chaozhou has preserved the ancient civilization of China, and the Chaozhou culture is the essence of Chinese culture. In recent years, Mr Chong has made much effort to rearrange the history of how the influence of Chaozhou culture has been spreading all over the world. The route that Chaozhou people used to move to Hong Kong from their native country and then emigrated abroad has attracted his special attention. He believes that so long as Chaozhou traditional etiquette and customs are preserved, Chaozhou communities can be united and Chaozhou culture will last from generation to generation. In order to help passing Chaozhou culture on to the younger generation, Mr Chong organized The Young Executives Committee of the Hong Kong Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce Ltd twenty years ago, leading the Committee to exchange ideas with other Chaozhou community organizations around the world. Over the years, Mr Chong has made great contributions in promoting continuously the activities of the International Teochew Youth Federation, and enabled it to develop into a global Chaozhou network.

Mr Chong attaches much importance to the effect of education towards the society. He takes the opportunity of lecturing Buddhism at schools of the Buddhist Association to teach the young the concepts of moral education. Mr Chong realizes that with globalization, an individual must possess a good knowledge of the past and the present, a broad understanding of the world, and an excellent human network so as to keep pace with the progress of the world affairs. Mr Chong gives his strong support to Lingnan University's mission as a liberal arts institution. Students at Lingnan excel in not only their professional knowledge, but also skills of dealing with businesses and how to interact with others, making them the kind of talents the future society needs.

Mr Chong is a successful businessman who always cares for the fate of Chinese culture and is enthusiastic about participating in social service. He does his utmost to inspire the younger generation and is precisely a model of a Chinese businessman deeply influenced by Confucian teaching. Mr Chairman, may I now present Mr Chong Hok-shan to you for the conferment of an Honorary Fellowship of Lingnan University.

莊學山先生出生於香港，乃潮州望族之後。莊家以經營鐘錶製造聞名於世，莊先生守業有成，現任中南股份有限公司及中南鐘錶有限公司主席。

莊先生早年就讀伊利沙伯中學，畢業後負笈加拿大及美國，分別於麥基爾大學及哥倫比亞大學取得理學士及工商管理碩士學位。莊先生學成回港後隨即加入家族事業，為歐洲鐘錶生產商供應鐘錶機芯。莊先生協助中南鐘錶有限公司迅速發展為全球最大產能的鐘錶生產商之一。莊先生更發起組織香港的鐘錶商到瑞士參加展銷，為後來貿易發展局在香港主辦鐘錶展覽取得寶貴的經驗，對香港鐘錶業的發展貢獻良多。其後莊先生拓展業務，成立中南股份有限公司，將經營範圍伸延至零售業，成為香港一間基礎穩固的多元化企業。

踏入上世紀八十年代，莊先生本著取之於斯，用之於斯的精神，將經商的心得及經驗應用到公共及社會服務之上。莊先生曾經出任鐘錶業總會主席，卸任後擔任該會顧問至今。莊先生多年來出任的其他主要公職，包括香港潮州商會會長、香港潮屬社團總會主席、國際潮青聯合會會長、香港佛教聯合會董事、香海正覺蓮社董事等。莊先生又擔任潮州市政協委員、廣東省政協委員，致力推動潮港兩地的文化交流。

莊先生祖籍潮州，自幼受潮州文化薰陶。潮州先賢方養秋先生賣廠治韓江水的故事，對莊先生產生很大的影響。旅居泰國的陳弼臣先生對東南亞潮籍人士的照顧，令莊先生深切體會到潮州人團結精神的可貴。因此，莊先生亦以推動潮州文化為己任。他認為潮州保留了中國古代文明的面貌，潮州文化乃中華文化的精華部分。近年，莊先生致力重整潮州文化在世界各地流播的歷史。他特別注意到潮州人從本籍遷往香港，然後再移居海外的路線。莊先生深信，只要能夠保留潮州的傳統禮儀和習俗，就能夠團結潮州的族群，潮州文化也就可以繼續一代一代傳承

下去。為了使潮籍人士的後代延續潮州的文化，莊先生於二十年前發起組織香港潮州青年委員會，帶領香港潮青與世界各地潮籍團體交流。今日國際潮青聯合會已經形成一個全球潮州網絡，莊先生多年來不斷從旁推動，功不可沒。

莊先生很重視教育對社會的作用。他在佛教聯合會的學校中，利用講授佛學的機會，為青年人灌輸德育的觀念。莊先生看到今日全球化趨勢之下，個人必須博通古今，放眼世界，貫通人脈，方能與時並進。因此，莊先生對嶺南大學推動博雅教育的精神極表支持。他認為嶺南的學生既掌握本科的專業知識，也學會做事，又懂得和別人相處，這就是未來社會需要的人才。

莊學山先生是成功的商人，處處關心中華文化的命運，並且熱心社會服務，提攜後晉不遺餘力，可謂中國傳統儒商的典範。主席先生，本人謹恭請閣下頒授嶺南大學榮譽院士銜予莊學山先生。