

Mr Patrick Wong Chi-kwong

The success of Hong Kong as an international financial centre can be attributed, among other factors, to the availability of a pool of diligent and committed professionals. These professionals play a pivotal role in consolidating and supporting the development of the financial sector as one of the pillar industries in Hong Kong. One of our alumni is a member of that pool of talent. Mr Chairman, we are honoured to have Mr Patrick Wong Chi-kwong with us today.

Mr Wong is a partner of the renowned global law firm, Mayer Brown JSM, which has 1,600 lawyers around the world. He is also a member of the firm's Partnership Board, which serves the function of ensuring that the voice of the partners are heard on key issues and decisions. In addition, he has been nominated a Leading Capital Markets Equity Lawyer in the latest (2011) edition of *IFLR1000*, which is a guide to the world's leading financial law firms.

Mr Wong started his legal career in 1990 as an articled clerk of the then Johnson Stokes & Master, which was a famous law firm and had enjoyed an exceptionally prestigious position in Hong Kong and around the world since its founding in 1864. He qualified as a solicitor in 1992. With his knowledge and experience in corporate finance, he was one of the few solicitors whose legal advice was sought by enterprises from mainland China seeking to raise funds here in Hong Kong through initial public offerings in the 1990s. Companies he helped listed in different capacities in the 90s include, to name a few, Shanghai Industrial Holdings Limited and Beijing Enterprises Holdings Limited. Therefore, it is not surprising that he was promoted on the fast track to partnership within four years in 1996. Over time, he was appointed to lead the corporate finance and then the corporate practice of the firm.

Mr Wong graduated from the Chinese Department of Lingnan College in 1984. During his time at Lingnan, he enjoyed very much the learning environment and was inspired by Prof Chan Cham-chuen and Prof Leung Kan-nang—two of the best classical Chinese scholars at the time, and he thoroughly enjoyed the company of like-minded classmates. His fondness for the Chinese classics even drove him to form a study group with his classmates to promote a deeper understanding of Chinese classical literature on campus. He has derived not only a lot of satisfaction and friendship from his studies and college life at Lingnan, but also learnt a lot about core human values as well as the importance of commitment, dedication and determination. Having decided which career to follow, he started to explore a completely new field of law and finance after graduation. A few years of hard work sufficed to make him a dedicated professional in the field.

Mr Wong understands well the motto of Lingnan, i.e. Education for Service. He has inherited from the Chinese great books a humanitarian concern, and believes that people should contribute to the well-being of society and not only care about themselves. He puts belief into practice by serving the community in various capacities. He has served for six years as a member of the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform established by the Hong Kong SAR government, and is now Chairman of the Company Law Committee of the Law Society. He is a director and the honorary secretary of The Hong Kong Central Hospital Limited. He has also maintained a long relationship with Lingnan after his days here as a student. He has been a director of Lingnan Education Organization Limited since 1991 and served as honorary secretary between 1991 and 1994, when its support was critical to the relocation of Lingnan to its current campus and the renaming of Lingnan as a university. He was Chairman of the organization between 2007 and 2010, and has also served on the Board of Governors of the former Lingnan College and the Council of Lingnan University.

Mr Chairman, for his contributions to the legal profession and the financial sector of Hong Kong, as well as his dedicated services to Lingnan and the Hong Kong community, may I present Mr Patrick Wong Chi-kwong to you for the conferment of an honorary fellowship.

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黃志光先生

香港得以成為卓越的國際金融中心，有賴一群努力不懈、工作投入的專業人才。金融業能夠發展為香港的優勢產業，這批專才功不可沒。我們有一位校友，正是當中的表表者。主席先生，我們今天邀得黃志光先生蒞臨，深感榮幸。

黃先生是國際著名的孖士打律師行的合伙人。該行有1,600名律師，遍布世界各地。他亦是該行的合伙人委員會成員，委員會的職責是確保合伙人能就重要議題及決策表達意見。此外，他亦獲全球傑出金融法律師事務所指南《國際金融法評論1000》(IFLR1000) 2011年版選為資本市場衡平法傑出律師。

黃先生於1990年踏足法律界，在著名的孖士打律師行擔任見習律師。該行於1864年成立，名聞香港以至全球。黃先生在1992年取得執業資格。他具備企業融資方面的知識及經驗，是少數早於上世紀九十年代，為內地爭取來港上市集資的企業提供法律意見的律師。在九十年代，由黃先生以不同身分協助上市的公司為數不少，其中包括上海實業控股有限公司及北京控股有限公司。黃先生順理成章在事業上平步青雲，於短短四年間即1996年便晉升為合伙人。其後，他更先後獲委任為該行的企業融資主管及企業實務主管。

黃先生1984年畢業於嶺南學院中文系，在嶺南讀書的時期十分享受校內的學習環境，並受當時兩位頂尖中國古典文學學者陳湛銓教授及梁簡能教授啟蒙。他喜歡與志同道合的同學交往，出於對中國古典文學的熱愛，與同學組成研習小組，在校園內積極推動文學欣賞。在嶺南所學到的知識及校園生活，不僅為黃先生帶來莫大的滿足感及珍貴的友誼，還令他學懂做人處世之道，明白到承擔、投入和決心的重要。他選定法律及金融為畢業後的發展方向後，即開始在這個全新領域中探索，經數年的打拼便成為金融法律界的專業人士。

黃先生深明嶺南校訓「作育英才·服務社會」的精神，因此，他不會只顧自己的利益，而是秉承中國偉大著作所弘揚的博愛精神，即個人應為社會謀福祉，並應關心國家大事。黃先生把信念付諸實踐，先後出任多項公職。他曾擔任香港特區政府公司法改革常務委員會成員達六年之久，目前則擔任香港律師會公司法委員會主席、港中醫院有限公司董事及名譽秘書。此外，黃先生自成為嶺南學生後便與母校結下不解之緣，自1991年起出任嶺南教育機構董事，並於1991至1994年間兼任名譽秘書。嶺南能遷往現址及正名為大學，正有賴該機構的支持。黃先生更在2007至2010年間出任該機構主席一職。他亦曾擔任前嶺南學院校董會及嶺南大學校董會成員。

主席先生，為表揚黃志光先生對本港法律界及金融界的卓越貢獻，以及對嶺南和社會的熱心服務，本人謹恭請閣下頒授榮譽院士銜予黃志光先生。

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