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Council Chairman Mr Rex Auyeung, President Prof Leonard Cheng, Honorary Fellows, friends of Lingnan University, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Today I am honoured to receive this Honorary Fellowship from Lingnan University, and I am delighted to deliver this address on behalf of the other three distinguished honorary fellowship recipients.

I grew up and received my education in Hong Kong. My family background — just like that of our previous generations — was far from being well-off. In fact, it could well be considered poor by today's standards. However, I never complained about “not having won at the starting line”. My humble background motivated me to work even harder. Starting from the bottom, I groomed my will to endure hardship. In those trying times, I deeply understood that we should make the most of our limited time in this world to do more for ourselves and society.

Hong Kong is a place where my family and I live. It is also a place in which I built up my career. I was concerned about its development when serious social conflicts emerged in recent years. I am particularly worried about some young people whose mindset and behaviour have become rather radical. Their fearless spirit and idealism deserve our compliments, but their excessive aggression may easily compromise their own future and undermine our social harmony and stability. Young people are supposed to be the masters of our future. I believe if they could devote their enthusiasm and courage to something more meaningful, they would make a more positive impact on society.

Young people can change the world in many ways. With knowledge, for example, they can transform their lives and take leading roles in society. Capable and talented people are in demand for industrial and commercial businesses, while enterprises need new blood to thrive. I am therefore more focused on the education and development of young people in recent years. Hong Kong is now in transition, during which industrial innovation is the only way out in order to maintain our edge in global competition. This transition will also provide many opportunities for young people to bring out their best. I truly believe that anyone could excel in this era of transformation if he or she works really hard and strives to succeed.

Besides knowledge, love and goodwill can also light up the world, and this can be done by every one of us. The power of an individual might be small; however, many a little makes a mickle. If we can join our efforts, we will become a great force for social change. I am honoured to be the President of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong (CMA), being given the opportunity to lead and unite various industries, providing more support for people from all walks of life. Therefore, I would like to share this honour with all my colleagues and partners in the CMA.

The honorary fellows who receive the honour today come from different backgrounds, but we are all eager to undertake our civic duties. For example, Mr Edwin Chan, who is also a businessman, established the AR Charitable Foundation and has contributed significantly in areas ranging from education and social welfare to the promotion of innovation. Both Ms Gigi Tung and Mr Chris Yeung used to be high-achieving professionals, but they decided to devote most of their time and efforts to charitable projects. They founded Food Angel and Silver Lining Foundation respectively to help people in need in different ways. With their selfless dedication and perseverance, they are good role models for young people and deserve our deep respect.

Apart from being knowledgeable, future leaders also need to possess admirable human qualities in order to lead our society. Education aims not only to spread knowledge, but more importantly, to nurture the soul. Lingnan University is the only liberal arts university in Hong Kong, cultivating students' critical thinking and versatility as well as values and a sense of social responsibility. I am fully supportive of these qualities and feel very honoured to become a Lingnanian. I sincerely hope that the University can continue to thrive and make even greater contributions for a better society.

Lastly, may I express once again our gratitude to Lingnan University for conferring on us the Honorary Fellowship. I believe that this honour will inspire us to continue to strive for better development, and to help spread the spirit of love and care in society.

Thank you!

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大家好！

我很榮幸今天獲得嶺南大學頒授榮譽院士銜，同時，亦很高興代表其他三位同獲該項榮耀的傑出人士，向大家致辭。

我在香港成長及接受教育，跟很多上幾代的人一樣，我在童年以至少年時候的生活絕對稱不上富裕，如果以現代的標準來看，甚至可說是有點艱苦。然而，我從沒有為「不是贏在起跑線」而抱怨，我的出身反而成為我更努力的動力，從最基層工作開始，磨鍊出吃苦耐勞的精神，在那段體驗社會的過程中，我深深領會到在至大至廣的天地中應善用有限的時光，為自己及社會做更多事。

香港是我和家人生活的地方，亦是我事業的根基，所以我很在乎她的發展，但近年社會矛盾頗為嚴重，特別是手握香港未來的年輕人，他們的心態及行為變得愈來愈偏激，委實令人擔憂。青年人無畏的精神與理想主義本應值得欣賞，但過度激進不單影響自己的前途，更會破壞社會的和諧和穩定，如果他們能夠把這顆熱情及勇氣運用在更有意義的事情上，相信對社會將更有正面的幫助。

年輕人要改變世界有很多途徑。追求知識可以令人活得精彩，成為自己甚至社會的主人。工商業發展需要人才，企業也需要接班人，所以我近年特別關注年青人的培育及發展。現時香港正處於轉型期，要在環球競爭中保持優勢，產業創新是唯一的出路，這亦造就了許多讓年青人發揮的機會。我深信，活在大時代的社會裡，只要肯努力、肯拚搏，一定能夠打出一片天，改變世界。

除了以自己的知識造福人群外，愛心及善心也可以令世界變得更美，而且是任何人均可以做到的。雖云一個人的力量十分渺小，但若大家都能出一分力，必定能聚沙成塔。我有幸成為香港中華廠商聯合會的會長，讓我有機會帶頭和凝聚業界的力量，為社會各個階層的人士作出更有力的扶持。所以這項榮譽，我希望能和廠商會全體同仁一同分享。

今天獲頒院士榮銜的幾位人士，背景各有不同，但同樣懷著一顆赤子之心，盡其作為社會一份子應有的義務。好像跟我一樣來自商界的陳和平先生，他創辦了德和慈善基金，在教育、社福、推動創新等方面均貢獻良多，而董愛麗小姐及楊偉基先生，兩位本來都是擁高薪厚職的專業人士，卻把大部份時間及精神投放在慈善事業上，分別創立了惜食堂及雲彩行動，以不同方式幫助有需要的人，他們的無私奉獻及毅力，實在令人欽佩，亦為年青人樹立良好的榜樣。

明日的領袖，除了需要知識淵博外，亦需具備崇高的人文質素，才可以引領社會向前發展，所以教育的意義並不僅是傳授知識，更在於一種心靈方面的栽培。嶺南大學是香港唯一一所博雅大學，培育學生慎思明辨、靈活以及具備承擔社會責任的價值觀，我深表認同之餘，對能夠成為她的一份子，感到無限光榮。我在此祝願嶺南大學能夠繼續茁壯成長，為改善社會作出更多貢獻。

最後，我在此再次感謝嶺大頒授榮譽院士的美意，我相信，這項殊榮將啟發我們、督促我們，繼續為社會的發展努力馳騁，並把關懷弱勢的心發揚光大。

謝謝大家！