

Mr Ho Sai-yiu

Council Chairman Mr Rex Auyeung, President Prof Leonard Cheng, Honorary Fellows, Lingnanians, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

I am deeply honoured to receive the Honorary Fellowship from Lingnan University. This award gives me the chance to reflect on what I have contributed to society, to education and related charity work. As an old boy of Lingnan Primary School and a Lingnanian, the Honorary Fellowship conferred upon me today is particularly heart-warming. I am also delighted to deliver this address on behalf of the other four distinguished honorary fellows, Mr Chan Cheuk-ming, Miss Chan Yuen-ting, Mr Mason Wu and Mr Roger Yuen, who receive this award together with me today.

Since its founding in 1888 in Guangzhou, Lingnan University has been educating the kind of talented young people who can help modernise the country, guided by the motto “Education for Service”. The essence of liberal arts education is to encourage students to “acquire broad-based knowledge and live in a noble and graceful manner”, qualities which enable students to better adapt to changing trends and developments in today’s society. The quality of education at Lingnan has been widely recognised. In 2015, the University was named a “Top 10 Liberal Arts College in Asia” by *Forbes*. As a business and community leader, I have also noticed that Lingnan University, under the leadership of Council Chairman Mr Rex Auyeung and President Prof Leonard Cheng, has risen in university rankings, improved knowledge transfer, and excelled in teaching and research. This is certainly not easy and most commendable in the highly competitive environment of the global higher education sector today.

As one of the oldest universities in southern China, Lingnan has a proud tradition, which is especially important to review now on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its re-establishment in Hong Kong. In the biography of Dr Chung Wing-kwong, “Father of Lingnan” and former President, it is mentioned that Chung felt that China’s poverty and backwardness at the time had resulted from the ignorance of its people,

and only the revitalisation of education could tackle the problems at the root and make the country strong. He believed that students must understand society as it is and attend to national affairs in order to grow up to become responsible citizens. It also behooves us to recall our national father, Dr Sun Yat-sen’s visit to Lingnan in December 1923 at the invitation of Dr Chung. In his speech to the students, Dr Sun called on them to aim high rather than simply becoming a government official. “You welcomed me here to give a speech today. I can only tell you one thing. Be ambitious and focus on making our country strong. This business of making China strong is the responsibility of every one of you. It is my wish that every one of you will take up this responsibility,” he said.

Numerous predecessors, teachers, students, and our senior have sacrificed time and money for the sake of Lingnan University, which has travelled a long way to get to where it is today. Students, you should appreciate what you have and fulfill the expectations of your teachers, putting what you have learned to good use, turning knowledge into action. First of all, you should learn to distinguish right from wrong, study hard, and never give up. Remember Lingnan’s tradition, and the words of Dr Sun, which will help you find your positions in the rapidly changing environment of our globalised world. Let’s work together towards these goals!

The Honorary Fellowship awardees today, Mr Chan Cheuk-ming, Miss Chan Yuen-ting, Mr Mason Wu and Mr Roger Yuen, have all achieved great success and made enormous contributions to their respective fields or professions in society. May I, on behalf of these four distinguished honorary fellows, express our gratitude to Lingnan University again for the award. We would like to thank those who have gone before us, who have given us encouragement all along. We shall continue to support the development of Lingnan University and its students in our different spheres. I wish Lingnan University and all Lingnanians every success in the future! May you scale even greater heights in the days to come!

Thank you very much!

何世堯先生

校董會主席歐陽伯權先生、鄭國漢校長、各位榮譽院士、各位嶺南人、各位嘉賓：

本人非常榮幸獲得嶺南大學頒授榮譽院士銜，令我有機會回想一生中對社會、教育及相關慈善事業的點滴貢獻。尤其是本人是嶺南小學的舊生，作為嶺南人，今日有機會獲頒嶺南大學榮譽院士銜，實在倍感親切。同時，我亦非常高興能代表另外四位獲得榮譽院士銜的傑出人士致謝辭，他們是陳灼明先生、陳婉婷小姐、伍尚敦先生及袁光銘先生。。

嶺大自1888年於廣州創校以來，一直秉持「作育英才、服務社會」的校訓，為國家培養了各方面人才，促進了國家的現代化發展。嶺大的博雅教育理念，注重培養學生「學識廣博，生活高雅」，使學生更能適應當今社會不斷變化的發展趨勢。嶺大的辦學素質亦得到了各方的肯定，並於2015年獲《福布斯》評為「亞洲十大頂尖博雅學院」之一。作為商界及社會領袖，我亦留意到嶺南大學在歐陽主席及鄭校長的領導下，無論是大學排名、知識轉移、及各位教授的教研成績，均大有進步。在當今競爭激烈的全球高等教育界，實屬難能可貴，值得稱許。

嶺南大學是華南地區最早創立的大學之一，而且適逢今年在港復校50周年紀念，我們尤其需要回顧大學的辦學宗旨。記得有關記載「嶺南校父」鍾榮光校長的傳記中曾提及，鍾校長認為，當時的中國之所以貧窮落後，是因為民眾愚昧無知，唯有振興教育，才能從根本上治愚

致強。他認為，受教育者、亦即同學們，須扎根現實，了解社會、關注國家大事，才有望健康成長。另一點尤其值得回顧的是，國父孫中山先生曾於1923年12月應鍾榮光校長的邀請，到嶺南大學發表演說。孫先生在這次以題目為「學生要立志做大事，不可(只望)做大官」的演說中提到：「諸君今天歡迎我來演講，我貢獻給諸君的，就是要諸君立志：立國民的大志氣；專心做一件事：一件幫助國家變成富強的事。這個要中國富強的事，就是諸君的責任；要諸君擔負這個責任，就是我的希望。」

由此可見，嶺南大學之所以走到今天，都是先烈前輩、師長和師兄師姐貢獻了畢生的精力、不計生命財產的代價，把嶺大建立和發展起來。同學們，請珍惜眼前一切，做到師長前輩們對各位的理想和期望：學以致用、知行合一。要達到這個目標，我們就要從明辨是非、積極學習、堅持奮鬥開始。面對急劇轉變的全球化環境，重溫上述的歷史故事，可以幫助我們找到自己的定位；希望借此聊聊數語，能與大家共勉！

今天同時獲得頒發嶺大榮譽院士銜的陳灼明先生、陳婉婷小姐、伍尚敦先生、袁光銘先生，他們都在社會的不同方面有很高的成就和貢獻，請容許我再次代表四位院士，由衷感謝嶺南大學向我們頒授這個榮譽，並感謝所有一直支持和鼓勵我們的人，我們會繼續在不同的層面上支持嶺大及同學們的發展。祝願嶺南大學和嶺南人事事順利，大學發展精進日新。

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