

Dr Fok Wing-huen

Honorary Fellow

Address

Deputy Chairman of the Council Mr Augustine Wong, President Professor S. Joe Qin, Honorary Fellows, members of the Lingnan community, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great honour to become an honorary fellow of Lingnan University. I am privileged to deliver this address on behalf of all the three new honorary fellows, Dr Winnie Ko Pui-shuen, Mr Chong Shing-hum, and myself.

When I was appointed to serve the Council and the Court of the University about seven years ago, I knew little about Lingnan. But soon after I am involved in the University's business and interact with the faculty members and students, I started knowing the uniqueness of Lingnan, and have since been deeply impressed by two things.

Firstly, the strong spirit of teaching and learning here. Faculty members have been spending unreserved and invaluable efforts to teach the students, and the students are eager to learn in a humble manner. This may sound obvious for educational institutions, but is actually not so easy to achieve in reality. Lingnan must have strong faith in education, and put it into sustained actions to attain such a precious culture. There is no wonder why Lingnan has always been ranked top three globally for "quality education" in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings ever since the category was introduced some years ago.

Secondly, most students are willing and ready to serve the society even before they graduate, thanks to the core credit-bearing service-learning programmes in the curriculum. Certainly the University's motto "Education for Service" is both honoured and adhered to. This corresponds nicely with the motto "Service above Self" of Rotarians, and I have been a Rotarian for almost 30 years now, serving the needy in the society.

The "learning for advancement and serving the society" mentality happens to be shared by Dr Winnie Ko Pui-shuen, Mr Chong Shing-hum, and myself. Although we walked different paths in life, we have all been gaining strength through continuous learning and other means, and serving the society selflessly with our capabilities and resources.

Together with Dr Winnie Ko Pui-shuen and Mr Chong Shing-hum, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Lingnan University for awarding us with honorary fellowships to recognise our achievements and contributions. We hope that Lingnan students will continue to be educated to serve the society, and that, with the support of the Council, the new President, Professor S. Joe Qin, will raise the University to new heights!