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

I am deeply honoured to receive this Honorary Fellowship from Lingnan University, and I am most delighted to deliver this address on behalf of the other two Honorary Fellows Mr Woo Fung and Mr Raman Hui today. They have made enormous contributions to Hong Kong society and their respective professions, and these awards are well merited.

As the only liberal arts university in Hong Kong, Lingnan University has a broad-based cross-disciplinary curriculum and encourages all Lingnanians to pursue lifelong learning. I fully embrace these concepts and hope to urge everybody to develop a lifelong interest on top of the foundation of lifelong learning.

As someone from the business field, I hold the view that work-life balance is one of the most important factors for sustainable development. I firmly believe that participation in some healthy activities during leisure and cultivation of some personal interests can help alleviate work pressure. I am a fan of ice hockey, and joining competitions has allowed me to put down my heavy workload and move my focus away from work from time to time. As a result, I have been able to maintain good judgement and acute sensitivity. In the exploration and search for lifelong interests, as in the search for a job or career planning, there are bound to be moments of loss and frustration. Once you have identified your goal or interest, you should not care too much about the gains and losses before your eyes. Persevere and fight against the odds boldly, so as to realise your greatest value.



The combination of lifelong learning and lifelong interest can help us understand our strengths and weaknesses. Keeping a lucid mind at all times, we can give our best to the work in our present positions and get well prepared for the challenges in our next positions. We should seek for breakthroughs and try to scale greater heights continuously, so as to make contributions to Hong Kong.

In closing, on behalf of Mr Woo Fung and Mr Raman Hui, and speaking for myself, may I express our gratitude to Lingnan University and its Council for conferring the Honorary Fellowship on us, and to people from different sectors who have given us support and encouragement. We pledge to do all we can for the future development of Lingnan University, and wish the University all the best and more successes ahead.

Thank you very much.