

Twenty-Seventh Graduation Ceremony of Lingnan College
Conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*
A Citation



Prof Sir David Todd, CBE, MD, HonDSc, JP

Mr Visitor,

Prof Sir David Todd, Emeritus Professor of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong, is a most distinguished medical researcher with an equally proud record of devoted service in education and many other public services. Widely known at home and abroad for his fair mindedness, civility and selfless commitment to teaching, research and the public good, Prof Sir David Todd embodies the spirit of service to others that distinguishes the good man.

For most of us, it would be a lifetime's achievement to become a distinguished and much honoured professor of medicine with a specialism in Haematology. Few contribute so much. If we add this to Prof Sir David Todd's role as the founding father of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, inspired by his clear vision of a health service to look after the health and welfare of **all** the people of Hong Kong, we sense a humanitarian perspective that looks beyond the professional domain and seeks to serve the community in a practical and significant way.

Born in Guangzhou (Canton) where his foster-father founded the renowned Todd Clinic and Hospital, the young David suffered from the tumultuous political and social upheavals of the time, obliging him to achieve academic distinction under almost impossible circumstances. His early life was marked by upheaval and discontinuity, including enforced separation from his family and the witnessing of war-time atrocities. In 1947 he transferred from the Lingnan University Medical School in Guangzhou to the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Hong Kong, where he began his inexorable rise to prominence. With strong family roots in medicine, Prof Sir David Todd always knew that he wanted to be a doctor. Coming first in many subjects in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Hong Kong, he obtained his MBBS in 1952 followed by the award of an MD in 1958 for his thesis on the Anaemia of Cryptogenetic Splenomegaly. Many honours and distinctions were to follow, including election as Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, London, Glasgow and Australia and the Carl de Grouchy Medal of the Haematology Society of Australia. Under his guidance, postgraduate medical education in Hong Kong was set on course through the Academy of Medicine and its research activities stimulated through his work as the Founding Chairman of the Research Sub-Committee of the University and Polytechnic Grants Committee (UPGC).

Academically, Prof Sir David Todd is known as a leading Haematologist, especially renowned for his work in Thalassaemia – an inherited disease of the blood common in Southeast Asia. His specialist research has led to the detection of genetic defects in the diagnosis and treatment of this disease. As a result of his work and that of the teams who worked with him, the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Hong Kong also excels in the study of malignant haematological diseases such as leukemia and lymphoma.

Prof Sir David Todd's gift for quiet care and analytical deliberation has brought him appointments in the field of education through the UPGC as well as a leading role in the Hospital Authority and as Chairman of the AIDS Trust Fund and Health Services Research Committee. For his distinguished public service, he was awarded an OBE in 1982, a CBE in 1990 and a Knight Bachelor in 1996.

Prof Sir David Todd's association with Lingnan stretches back to his early years in northern Guangdong and Guangzhou and has continued to this day. He currently serves the College in the selection process of its senior executive staff by sitting on the relevant panels and continues to offer the College his support. We are proud of his association with us and honoured by the interest he takes in us. He has rendered invaluable service in the promotion of education in Hong Kong generally and Lingnan in particular. As a result of the efforts of the Lingnan College Sub-Committee on which he served, Prof Sir David Todd has helped Lingnan to reach its objective of rooting the College in the very fabric of the Hong Kong education system. Poised as we are to regain our former status as a premier university in the liberal arts tradition, we are grateful to his perseverance, wise counsel and fortitude.

Mr Visitor, for his professional distinction in the field of medicine and education, his steadfast efforts in the cause of service for the people of Hong Kong, and for his personal qualities, may I present Prof Sir David Todd for the award of the Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.

嶺南學院第二十七屆畢業典禮

榮譽法學博士達安輝爵士讚辭

監督先生：

達安輝爵士是香港大學醫學院榮休教授，在醫學研究方面卓然有成。此外，他在教育及公共事務的貢獻更是不遑多讓，被公認為一個秉持公正、以禮待人及大公無私的學者。他獻身教學、研究及公共事務的精神，成為社會的典範。

很多人必須窮一生之力，才能取得像達安輝爵士在醫學界及血液學研究的優異成就；但他卻進一步貢獻其專業知識。他深明全港市民健康不容忽視，於是矢志成立了香港醫學會專科學院，直接向市民推廣醫學和保健常識。這種以實際而意義深遠的方式來服務社會，充分表現達爵士超逾醫學界限的人道精神。

達安輝爵士生於廣州，養父曾興辦著名的達保羅醫院。他在政治和社會動盪的時代成長，由於戰亂頻仍，自幼與家人分散，生活艱苦，但惡劣環境驅使他更加努力向學。受到醫學世家的薰陶，他年青時立志成為醫生。一九四七年他從廣州嶺南大學醫學院轉往香港大學醫學院攻讀，展開畢生輝煌的成就。一九五二年，他以優異成績考獲醫學學士，六年後又以"脾大症與貧血"為題，取得博士學位。隨後他取得多項榮譽，包括獲選為愛丁堡、倫敦、格拉斯哥及澳洲皇家醫學院院士及澳洲血液學會 Carl de Grouchy 獎章。在他領導下，香港醫學會專科學院推動了醫學研究院課程；他又獲委任為「大學及理工教育資助委員會」轄下的「研究委員會」創會主席，推動大專院校的研究活動。

達安輝爵士研究血液學卓有成就，特別是地中海貧血症的症狀與基因的關係及療法。這種血液遺傳病症，常見於東南亞。在他領導下，香港大學醫學院在多項血液疾病的研究上，如白血病和淋巴瘤，都有顯著的成績。

達爵士對社會民生關懷備至，曾任「大學及理工教育資助委員會」成員、「醫院管理局」要員及「愛滋病基金及健康研究委員會」主席。他在公共事務上的貢獻，使他在一九八二年取得 OBE 勳銜、一九九零年獲頒授 CBE 勳銜及一九九六年獲頒爵士銜。

達爵士與嶺南的淵源，可追溯至他早年時期在粵北及廣州的生活年代。他從無間斷地支持嶺南學院的發展工作，近期又參與遴選學院高級主管人員。學院於此感到份外光榮，並感謝他所付出的努力和心血。他不離不棄地支持教育發展的精神、睿智和卓見，使香港教育及嶺南學院與時並進，更促使嶺南在大專教育界中成為獨一無二的博雅教育學府。

監督先生，為了表揚達安輝爵士在醫學界的卓越成就、在教育界的創見、對社會的貢獻，及他的尊尚人格，懇請頒予達安輝爵士榮譽法學博士銜。