

Dr John Chan Cho-chak GBS, JP

DOCTOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES *honoris causa*

Citation

Dr John Chan has an impressive record of achievement and service to Hong Kong. He worked in the government for 28 years providing leadership in such posts as Secretary for Education & Manpower and Deputy Chief Secretary. Dr Chan especially cherishes his role as Private Secretary to the Governor; from there he had a comprehensive perspective on the Hong Kong society as well as government. He contributed to the Sino-British negotiations that eventually led to our current "one country, two systems". His participation in the Sino-British negotiations also means that he has access to secrets protected by the British Secrets Law!

Following his retirement from the civil service, he has become an important business leader, serving as a director of several listed companies. Perhaps his most important role was in transport, where he became Managing Director of The Kowloon Motor Bus Company, for more than a decade. There he enjoyed the challenge of making a good company even better.

The third leg of his career has been providing leadership in community service, particularly in the not-for-profit, charitable sector of Hong Kong. He is now Chairman of the Court of The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology after serving as its Council Chairman. He is also Chairman of the Council of the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund, a director of The Community Chest and a member of the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee.

He provided very significant leadership to The Hong Kong Jockey Club for some 15 years, including being its Chairman for four years. Again he was able to use his experience and influence to improve the quality of life of Hong Kong people. We at Lingnan particularly appreciate his leadership as he helped secure funding for the final two hostels that will make 100% residency of our students on campus a reality. When he studied at The University of Hong Kong, he lived on campus for three years. So he knows first hand the value of the intellectual and social life of campus living. Like our own Lingnan graduates, he meets regularly with his old campus friends.

Given his record, it is not surprising that he has been well recognised, receiving the Gold Bauhinia Star "for his outstanding public and community service and for his significant contribution to the development of the securities market in Hong Kong". Both The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology and The University of Hong Kong have conferred upon him honorary degrees.

As his life is a life for service, it is particularly fitting that Lingnan University, with our commitment to "Education for Service", join in celebrating Dr Chan. Of all his accomplishments, one very dear to him is his work to make Hong Kong buses more accessible to the elderly and handicapped. With the provision of super low floor buses fitted with extension platforms, people can now enjoy more mobility and enriched lives in a safer environment. These endeavours have helped Hong Kong people recognise that they are a caring community that crosses age and income boundaries. We can all share Dr Chan's pride and happiness in giving our senior citizens and the physically disadvantaged more opportunities to lead robust lives in our city.

Looking back, Dr Chan is very happy to have served Hong Kong for many years in various capacities. He is also happy to retire in Hong Kong, where like millions of Hong Kong people, he enjoys the small restaurants and shops, the density, and the vibrant streets made accessible by one of the world's greatest mass transit systems.

Mr Chairman, for his distinguished service to the government and people of Hong Kong, may I present Dr John Chan Cho-chak to you for conferment of the degree of Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*.

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贊辭

陳祖澤博士多年來致力服務香港，成就非凡。他服務政府二十八載期間，曾任教育及人力統籌司和副布政司等重要職位。他個人最珍視的，則是擔任港督私人秘書的日子，因為該職位讓他從較全面的角度觀察香港社會和政府。陳博士在中、英兩國就香港前途問題談判時亦作出貢獻，最終促成了現在「一國兩制」的誕生。而他參與中英談判，也意味著他得悉一些受英國保密法保護的秘密呢！

從政府退休後，陳博士轉型為本港舉足輕重的商界領袖，出任數家上市公司董事，但至為重要的職務應在運輸業。他曾擔任九龍巴士公司董事長逾十年，經歷重重挑戰，帶領一間優秀的企業更上層樓，樂在其中。

陳博士職業生涯的第三個階段，是投身社會服務及領導香港非牟利慈善機構的工作。他現為香港科技大學顧問委員會主席，亦曾擔任校董會主席一職。他亦是尤德爵士紀念基金理事會主席，香港公益金董事及外匯基金諮詢委員會成員。

在香港賽馬會服務十五年（包括擔任主席四年）期間，陳博士發揮非常顯著的領導作用。他多次運用其經驗及影響力，改善港人的生活質素。嶺南大學尤其感謝他在領導馬會期間，協助校方取得資金建成最後兩座宿舍，令本科生四年全宿的理想終能實現。他在香港大學讀書時，曾任宿舍三年，因此真切體會到在校園住宿對學業和社交生活的價值。一如嶺大的畢業生，即使畢業多年，他亦經常與老同學共聚。

陳博士對本港社會貢獻良多，成就有目共睹。他獲頒授金紫荊星章，以其「致力為社區及公眾服務，表現超卓，對推動香港證券市場的發展，貢獻殊多」。此外，香港科技大學及香港大學均頒授榮譽學位予陳博士。

陳博士一直致力服務社會，而嶺南大學秉持「作育英才 • 服務社會」的校訓，表揚陳博士自屬順理成章。在多項成就當中，他十分看重方便長者和殘疾人士乘坐巴士的工作。他極力引進配備延伸平台的超低地台巴士，讓長者和殘疾人士均可在更安全的環境下出行，享受更多姿多采的生活。這方面的工作有助港人認識到，香港是一個跨越年齡和收入界限，充滿愛心的社會。陳博士為高齡及殘障者創造更多機會在我們的城市活出燦爛人生，我們每一個人都可以分享他內心的自豪和喜悅。

回望過去，陳博士很高興多年來能以各種身分服務香港。他與數以百萬計的香港人一樣，喜愛香港的小餐館和商店、擁擠而充滿活力的街道，而這一切均由世上最完善的集體運輸系統之一連繫起來。他亦為可以在香港退休而感到欣喜。

主席先生，為表揚陳博士對香港政府及市民的傑出服務，本人恭請閣下頒授榮譽社會科學博士學位予陳祖澤博士。

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