

## Honorary Fellow A Citation

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### **Mr Chu En-yue, David, M.Sc.**

To encourage moral aspiration and to promote culture, he has made donations in support of education. To establish righteousness of character and cultivate it in others, he has made benevolent contributions. Born in the Jiangsu and Shanghai area, a place of rich cultural heritage, and raised in Hong Kong, an international port city, he has the spirit of a cavalier. Having studied in England, he is an expert in technology, and moves freely in the business world, but still he is concerned about his hometown, and his heart is devoted to education. As a fellow Suzhou townsman once said of him, 'Out of a heart of pure loyalty, he has been determined to serve his country and the history books will acclaim him as much if not more than those in high places.' These are the values that best describe Chu En-yue, David.

A native of Suzhou, Mr David Chu was born in Shanghai in 1932, and immigrated to Hong Kong when he was 16 years old. After graduating from high school, Mr Chu continued his education in the United Kingdom, and studied at the University of Manchester, where he received his master's degree in Mechanical Engineering. All the while, he had to work to support himself. Mr Chu returned to Hong Kong in 1959 after finishing his studies, and began his career at an air-conditioning company. He started there at entry level and was eventually promoted to the positions of chief engineer and manager in two years. During the 1960s, Mr Chu shifted his focus to the clothing industry, and established Lide Garment Factory in 1970s, which is currently known as Regatex Manufacturers Limited. Mr Chu currently is the Managing Director of Regatex Manufacturers Limited, as well as a board member of Shiye Property Company and Saki Company Limited. Mr Chu also serves as the Managing Director of Guangzhou Likang Garment Company Limited and Suzhou Liqiang Garment Company Limited. Mr Chu is well-known and respected among his peers in the clothing and garment industry. He also actively participated in public and community services.

Not only is he a successful entrepreneur and industrialist, Mr Chu is also praised and admired for his compassionate and charitable character, as well as his commitment to funding scholarships to foster youth. Mr Chu is currently the Chairman of the CW Chu Foundation, as well as the Founder and Chairman of The Solar Trust. Through these two foundations, Mr and Mrs Chu promoted charity and relief work both in Hong Kong and the mainland. In 1993, he launched the 'Foundation Building Plan' for primary schools in China's rural areas, sponsoring poor farming villages to rebuild their primary schools' unsafe buildings, which gave a big boost to the education infrastructures in the eight northern counties of Suzhou as well as the Central and Western regions of China. Furthermore, he gave out scholarships to help university, high school and primary school students to finish their studies. Mr Chu has also sponsored many universities, including Soochow University, Yangzhou University, Xuzhou Normal University, Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine, and Anhui Normal University, in their construction of modernized libraries, and he has donated to the Vocational

University and the Radio and Television University in Suzhou. His goal is to eliminate poverty through knowledge, technology and education. His philosophy of education, as well as the donations and support he has given to education institutions, have played an important role in the long-term development and improvement of the Chinese community. To recognize his contributions to the community, Mr Chu was named an honorary citizen by the cities of Nanjing, Suzhou, Guangzhou, Yangzhou and Anqing.

Mr Chu is a refined man, but nonetheless stalwart and upright. His personality of generosity and benevolence, as well as his dream of saving the country through education, may have been largely influenced by his father, Mr Chu Ching-wen.

Almost everybody in Hong Kong during the 1960s and 70s recognized the great philanthropist, Mr Chu Ching-wen. Mr Chu lived a frugal life, assisted others through the sponsorship of education, and established the CW Chu Foundation, which sponsored and selected poor but distinguished Hong Kong students to study abroad in the United States. He even personally accompanied them to the US, and would only leave after settling them down. Throughout the years, hundreds of students were given the chance to pursue tertiary education in the US. Furthermore, a considerable number of Chu Scholars (who are fondly known as 'sons of Chu'), enjoyed great success in their studies, and became distinguished members of society. A lot of 'sons of Chu' were deeply touched by the sponsorship and assistance of Mr Chu Ching-wen, and in an attempt to repay him, they raised donations and established the CW Chu College at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. In one way this is to commemorate Mr Chu's kindness in sponsoring their education. In another, it is an attempt to inspire young scholars, through the spirit of Mr Chu, in the pursuit of excellence, and to help others by helping themselves. These are some of the reasons why this new college of CUHK was established.

Mr David Chu has made major contributions towards the establishment of the CW Chu College through donations by the CW Chu Foundation and The Solar Trust, as well as personally serving as the Chairman of the College's Committee of Overseers, making valuable suggestions and contributing unstintingly. Together with the Master and staff of the College, they planned and guided its development. The College's premise, which is now complete, is situated at Campus Circuit North, with elegant views of the mountain and the sea. The College has 300 students, who enjoy full residence and communal dining. They offer each other encouragement and enjoy good fellowship. The College is small but complete, and with a motto of *Cultus et Beneficentia*, it strives to promote Mr Chu's spirit of perseverance and indomitable spirit. The College also encourages students to learn diversely, broaden their horizons, study hard and serve the community with a grateful heart as repayment after they have finished their studies.

Mr Chairman, in recognising Mr Chu's achievements in the industrial sector, as well as his contributions to education, especially his donations and support to the CW Chu College at CUHK, truly reflecting his spirit of cultivating oneself and benefitting others, and as a role model for students, it is my great honour to present to you Mr Chu En-yue, David for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.