

# Honorary Fellow A Citation

## Dr CHAN Chi-sun

Strive to create wealth and prosperity amidst adversity in the service of mankind. Thrive through the benevolence and righteousness advocated by Confucianism.

Born in 1949 in Guangzhou, Dr Chan Chi-sun is a native of Panyu, Guangdong. In 1958, Dr Chan and his family moved to Hong Kong, where he flourished despite impoverished conditions. In 1968, he finished secondary school at The Chinese YMCA College and enrolled in the New Asia College of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, majoring in Economics. Upon graduating in 1972, he began his career in the shipping industry. In 1985, after working in several companies, he founded Fordpointer Shipping Company Limited. Now, over three decades later, Fordpointer is a multinational corporation in Hong Kong that provides international freight forwarding services by sea, air and land. It has established many branches around the world, including several cities in China, New York and Los Angeles. Ten years ago, in response to China's environmental protection policies, Dr Chan invested in an over 200-hectare eco-garden in Hubei in the name of Fordpointer Environmental Protection Material Company Limited, which he serves as President.

Despite his tight business schedule, Dr Chan always finds time to be a passionate supporter of the New Asia College. He constantly contributes to his alma mater's development through generous donations to nurture students and improve teachers' welfare. He established the 'Mr Chan Che Ho Memorial Scholarships', spearheaded the formation of the '1972 Alumni Scholarships' and 'New Asia College Alumni Association Executive Committee 2011-13 Scholarship' and sponsored the 'New Asia Student Exchange Programme'

and 'Seminar on Chinese Moral Education'. He has served as Chairman of the New Asia Alumni Association and has been a member of the College's Board of Trustees for over 20 years. In addition to his generous donations, Dr Chan has been actively involved in the college's administration, serving as a member of various subcommittees of the Assembly of Fellows so that he can give back to his alma mater through concrete action.

Dr Chan is always grateful for what he learned during his 4 years in the New Asia College. It was not limited to a professional knowledge of economics and management, but also included culturalism and humanism. He strongly agreed with the College's founding ideals and the moral education preached by traditional Confucianism. Dr Chan believes that the values of the New Asia College have been benefitting him through his whole life, guiding him to be the kind of person who treats others and society with kindness. His business is founded on the underlying philosophy of 'creating wealth based on both knowledge and morality' in which 'profiting from righteousness' and 'benefitting mankind with what you earn' are put into practice. Dr Chan strongly trusts in the principle of applying a system of rewarding rather than penalising staff, as well as the importance of a stable life and the sharing of wealth. He has incorporated his Confucian beliefs into his business's operational and management system, developing his own 'Confucian Entrepreneurs' model based on benevolence, righteousness, and contributing to mankind. His remarkable philosophy is well-recognised by the shipping industry and many international organisations. In 2009, Dr Chan received an Honorary Fellowship from the Canadian Chartered Institute of Business Administration and an Honorary Doctorate

from Lincoln University, in recognition of his accomplishments and contributions in corporate administration.

Dr Chan has made donations to the New Asia College for the promotion of Chinese culture. He established the 'Mr Chan Chi-sun Chinese Culture Fund' to support the Ch'ien Mu Lecture in History and Culture, in which scholars from different specialisations who have made recent achievements and contributions are invited to speak at the University every year. As a testament to his devoted support of Chinese culture and traditions, his donations have benefited the establishment of Nishan Shengyuan College of the Confucian Academy in Sishui, Shandong, in order to advance Confucianism and spiritual education.

Along with his donations to the New Asia College, Dr Chan also actively supports CUHK's development. In particular, he has been acting as a bridge between CUHK and the alumni in motivating and encouraging them to care more about the University's affairs. In 2011, he was elected as Chairman of Convocation of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and served concurrently as a CUHK Council Member until 2017, sharing his ideas on and insights into the University's development. CUHK Convocation has held numerous seminars on educational and social issues aiming to engage alumni to discuss University affairs and encourage donations. As well as giving support to scholarships, the funds have been used to purchase analytical instruments for the School of Chinese Medicine and a 14-seat Rehabus that provides campus transport services to students and staff with disabilities. The funds have also supported research collaboration with the Institute of Future Cities on reducing carbon emissions, and

the development of the CUHK Medical Centre and I · CARE programme.

Dr Chan Chi-sun is a true role model for the New Asia College. He respects tradition and people and upholds the principle of creating wealth with knowledge, without giving up kindness, righteousness and humanity. He has been showing his dedication to his alma mater and his fellow 200,000 CUHK alumni with generosity and sincerity. Mr Chairman, it is my great pleasure to present to you Dr Chan Chi-sun for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.