

Honorary Fellow A Citation



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Hong Kong is well known for breeding the best talents at the confluence of Eastern and Western civilisations. Mr Fok Chun Wan, Ian, now at his prime in age and achievements, is a leader of the local business community. He has been a Member of the United College Board of Trustees, and among the most outstanding of Hong Kong's young talents nowadays.

Mr Fok, the second son of business magnate Dr Henry Fok Ying-tung, was born in Hong Kong, but his family had come from Panyu in Guangdong. He was educated in Canada, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration degrees from the University of British Columbia. He returned to Hong Kong upon graduation, and has since devoted his efforts to the promotion of Hong Kong business in the global context. He is currently the Managing Director of the Henry Y T Fok Group and the Yau Wing Company Limited. He serves as the Chairman of The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and a Member of the Standing Committee of the 9th Guangdong Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. In addition, he is the Vice-Chairman of the China Overseas Friendship Association, a Member of the Standing Committee of the All China Federation of Industry and Commerce, and the Vice-Chairman of the Guangdong Overseas Friendship Association. Mr Fok is a businessman with a grand vision and, with Hong Kong as his base, he seeks the furtherance of the business of the Fok family with China as the hinterland and the world as its market. At the same time he spares no efforts in encouraging trading activities between Hong Kong and other regions. He is a Council Member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, a Member of the Council and the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Management Association, and a Director of the Boao Forum for Asia. Mr Fok is a Director of the Fok Ying Tung Education Foundation and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Hong Kong Pei Hua Education Foundation; both organisation are dedicated to promoting high-quality talents for national development through science and education. Since 2004, Mr Fok has been the Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, and in that role has actively worked to enhance regional and international links and communications, and to advance the interest of the Hong Kong industrial and commercial sectors. He frequently stresses to the public that, in line with the general trend of globalisation, the four regions on the two sides of the Taiwan Strait should effect economic integration and create opportunities through a well-knit economic network in the Greater China Region which, when fully functional, will provide the most spectacular economic prospect of the present century.

Mr Ian Fok is dedicated to service for the community and participates in many important committees of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. He is a Member of the Commission on Poverty, a Member of the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged, a Member of the Elite Sports Committee, a Member of the Greater Pearl River Delta Business Council, and a Member of the Award Council of the Hong Kong Award for Young People. He has also been



an ardent supporter of educational enterprises in Hong Kong, having served as a Member of the Council and Court of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and a Member of the Council of The Open University of Hong Kong. He devotes much of his spare time to the promotion of sports and has been instrumental in the encouragement of Chinese martial arts, which exercise both the body and the mind, combine the tender and the robust, and embody the five virtues of ethics, intellect, exercise, comradeship and aesthetics. He is the President of the Hong Kong Wushu Union, the Vice-Chairman of the Wushu Federation of Asia, a Member of the Executive Committee, and the Chairman of the Marketing and Development Committee of the International Wushu Federation and in these capacities seeks to manifest the spirit of the Chinese martial arts.

Mr Ian Fok is a Director of the Fok Ying Tung Foundation. Over the years the Foundation has offered substantial donations to finance projects in science, culture and education, medicine, sports, tourism, transport, infrastructural constructions and various social and charitable causes in the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macau, and all over the world. In 2005 the Foundation made a munificent grant of \$40 million to The Chinese University of Hong Kong to support the construction of the building that will accommodate the University's Satellite Remote Sensing Receiving Station, which is a gift of great significance and impact to scientific research at the University. Over the years the University has had considerable success in research on global information and remote sensing, and is now a base for the nation's research activities in this particular discipline. The Satellite Remote Sensing Receiving Station is capable of recording and processing enormous amounts of data received through the satellites and providing Hong Kong, Southern China and neighbouring areas with around-the-clock climatological monitoring and natural disaster surveillance. Such monitoring and surveillance may greatly reduce the economic damage and loss of lives due to natural disasters such as mudflows, landslides, earthquakes, tsunamis, floods and typhoons. The Chinese University has always been a world leader on remote sensing science and technology and, with the completion of the Receiving Station, the Fok Ying Tung Foundation has committed further support so that phase two of the construction of the building may proceed. With these new facilities, the University's achievements in remote sensing research will scale new heights.

Mr Ian Fok's contribution to the Hong Kong community is varied and substantial. In 2003 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace by the Government, and in 2005 was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Open University of Hong Kong, and an Honorary Citizen of the Cities of Panyu and Guangzhou. He was a Member of the Board of Trustees of United College from 1996 to 2005, during which term he strongly supported the University's development programmes. Mr Chairman, may I present Mr Fok Chun Wan, Ian for the award of an Honorary Fellowship.