

## Honorary Fellow A Citation



### Mr Leung Ying Wai, Charles, BBA

The Chinese University of Hong Kong was founded in 1963, not quite half a century ago. In the historical context this was but a very short period of time, and yet it has been a most glorious era in terms of the magnificent graduates that have left the threshold of the University during these years. As we review the Honorary Fellows created by the University over the past years, we have found a good number of the University's own graduates. Mr. Leung Ying Wai, Charles, one of the recipients of the Honorary Fellowship today, is yet another illustrious alumnus of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Mr. Leung, a philanthropic entrepreneur of great distinction, graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, with honours, from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1973. Not long after graduation from the alma mater, Mr. Leung put his learning to good use and, in 1978, he set up in partnership with his friends Evergo International Holdings Limited and Perfectech International Holdings Limited. Both groups of companies had grown from strength to strength and demonstrated remarkable performances, and were listed in Hong Kong in 1982 and 1992 respectively. At present Mr. Leung is the chairman and managing director of Hong Kong China Development Holdings Limited, a company whose principal business operations embrace investment in and development of real estate and properties in Hong Kong and the mainland, investment in electricity plants on the mainland, as well as investment in and the management of global money markets.

While his grand plans continuously unfold in the world of commerce and industry, Mr. Leung has amply demonstrated his remarkable leadership abilities in community service. He is the chairman of the Charles Leung Charity Foundation, the founding chairman of the Shunde Shi Bijiang Charity Fund, the permanent honorary chairman of the Zhangmutau Town Chamber of Real Estate Developers, and the chairman of the Hong Kong Enterprise Resources Management Association. On account of his outstanding contribution to Dongguan City, an honorary citizenship of that city was conferred upon him.

Having achieved success much to be proud of in the business sector, Mr. Leung has sought to pay back the community and the country in the most selfless spirit, and his efforts over many years have concentrated on educational, medical and instructional services, in all of which he participated with energy and zeal.

Mr. Leung's spirit of selfless giving is the most fully manifested in the significant part he plays in Operation Concern. Mr. Charles Leung is a founder of Operation Concern and, since 1993, has been the vice-chairman of that organization, contributing substantially to its formation, development and expansion. Operation Concern, a charity of long standing, organizes visits of healthcare workers in Hong Kong to remote parts of mainland China to provide free operations in traumatic and orthopaedic surgery. Over the years these operations have proved to be



highly successful and of tremendous value to the local patients and many service stations have been set up all over the regions where such operations are most needed. Much help has been thus rendered to the poor, the sick, the old, the infirm and the orphaned in these impoverished regions, and the operations have also offered opportunity whereby medical practitioners from Hong Kong, in the spirit of professionalism, could perform demonstrations for their mainland colleagues and help to enhance the latter's standard of practice. This is all-embracing concern for those in need, with due emphasis on both the "hardware" and the "software" of the aid scheme. It is a demonstration of the benevolence of the medical practitioners involved, and it also shows the foresight of the founders of Operation Concern.

The indefatigable efforts that Mr. Leung has devoted to medical services can be further exemplified by his long-term financial support to the academic research and related activities in paediatric gastroenterology at Fudan University in Shanghai, and the donation he made to rebuild the teaching block and the dormitory for the School of Nursing at Zhongshan University in Guangzhou.

Mr. Leung was born and bred in Hong Kong, and holds an intense affection for the territory. In 2005, he founded the We Love Hong Kong Association Limited and became its first chairman. It was an organization that seeks, through various channels of social education, to imbue in the citizens of Hong Kong a positive attitude towards life, a concern for the society, and a willingness to serve the common good. Hong Kong is an international metropolis and its achievements in economic and financial terms rank at the top on the global scale, and that certainly is something of which Hong Kong citizens may be justly proud. However, as our material life improves, alienation and other negative aspects of the modern society have also crept in. That Mr. Leung took the initiative to launch the We Love Hong Kong Association is yet another manifestation, in a different light, of his noble civic spirit.

Mr. Leung's sentiments are tied to Hong Kong, and he loves his alma mater. He has a deep fondness for the Chinese University where he was nurtured and groomed to become one among the leadership of Hong Kong, and he puts his sentiments into action by applying great efforts towards the development of the University. Since 2007 he has been a member of the University Council and its Campus Planning and Building Committee. The Chinese University campus has been known all over the world for its exquisite beauty, and has been a scenic spot of great attraction among tourists. The further development of such a campus requires the planning and coordination by persons who genuinely love the Chinese University. Mr. Charles Leung, as an outstanding alumnus, is certainly an ideal appointee to the Campus Planning and Building Committee.

Mr. Leung has been a member of the Board of Trustees of New Asia College since 1994, becoming vice-chairman in 2002 and taking up the chair in 2007. At this point he is also the chairman of the General Education Advisory Board of New Asia College, and also a member of the Committee on Study of Hong Kong History and the Steering Committee on the 60th Anniversary Celebration of the College. Over the years Mr. Leung has been a concerned and



enthusiastic supporter of New Asia College, where he generously funded the construction of the Ying-wai Fitness Room and the statue of Confucius. He also established the Charles Leung Education Fund and the Mr. Charles Leung Scholarships at the College. He is an ardent promoter of the College's Mentorship Programme for the benefit of current students. He also participated in, and financially supported, the research and publication projects on the history of Hong Kong. Since 1983, Mr. Leung has participated actively in the activities of the alumni association, becoming the chairman of The Alumni Association of New Asia College in 2007 to 2009. He was also a director of The Alumni Association of New Asia College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Limited.

Mr. Chairman, to recognize his outstanding performance in the fields of commerce and industry, his selfless dedication to society and country, and his strong support for the Chinese University over so many years, may I present Mr. Leung Ying Wai, Charles for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.