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Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*

Address

Chancellor, the Honourable TSANG Yam-kuen, Council Chairman, Dr the Honourable LEUNG Chun-ying, President, Professor CHEN Kwan-yiu, graduates, Lingnanians, ladies and gentlemen:

The ceremony today marks the 35th Congregation of Lingnan University. First of all, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the University for conferring upon me the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*. It is my great honour and pleasure to become a member of the big family of Lingnan University, a small yet elegant university with a long history and fine tradition. I am proud to be given an opportunity to deliver an address on behalf of my fellow recipients of honorary doctoral degrees today.

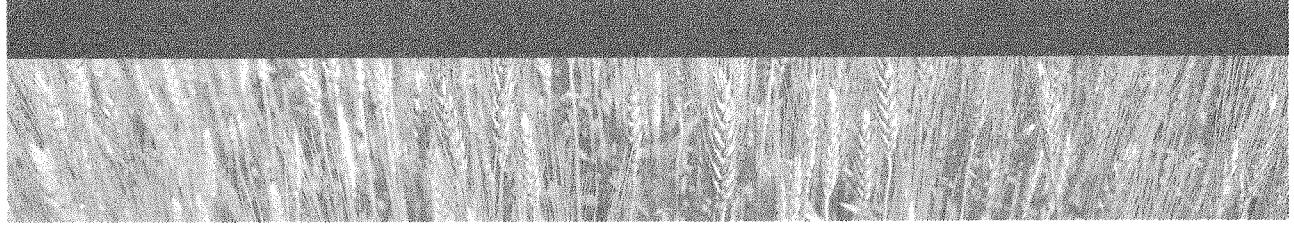
Being a pluralistic and open society, it is natural for Hong Kong to have different opinions. Whether we will move in the direction of harmonious life and a better society will depend on what we do to overcome differences and seek common ground.

The reunification of Hong Kong with its motherland and the implementation of the principles of "one country, two systems" and "managing Hong Kong by Hong Kong people with high-degree autonomy" are unprecedented undertakings in history. Hong Kong is different from what it was in the past. It is natural for such changes to give rise to new issues, and inspire new ideas, views and heated debates.

We know from the Law of Nature that only the fittest survives. To go along with Mother Nature, we should put the relations between Nature and Man in proper perspective. Likewise, living together in our society, we should handle our interpersonal relationship, individual-community relationship and inter-community relationship in a proper manner. Disputes which are irrational and tending to extremes, instead of facilitating problem-solving, will only sharpen contradictions and polarize issues, and are therefore detrimental to the society of Hong Kong and her relationship with the Central Government.

Therefore, it is imperative for Hong Kong people to move in the right direction and keep a calm mind to make wise decisions and choices. We need a society which is harmonious, cohesive, and conducive to consensus. While sticking to our principles, we should also be ready to concede and compromise. We need to have more dialogues and positive interactions. And we can strengthen our co-operation through mutual understanding and accommodation.

Mr Chancellor, I deeply believe that Hong Kong people, who have overcome so many difficulties, setbacks, and adversities, have the experience and wisdom to rise to any challenges. In the meantime, I am convinced that Hong Kong people are able to resolve the teething problems, embrace an open attitude towards changes, seek common ground, and set aside differences.



We can then build a pluralistic, accommodating, rational, sympathetic, and harmonious society with mutual trust.

Regarding personal attitude toward life, I consider it important to be liberal and tolerant, and to have an open mind to choose and adhere to what is good. It is said in the Analects, "*Wei Ling Gong*": "Don't do it to others what you would not like others to do to you." By following the aphorism, we can have valuable friendships, enjoy peace of mind, and perceive the essence of a blissful life.

Take Hong Kong as an example. A great majority of the 7 million people in Hong Kong were born and grew up here. They regard Hong Kong as their home. The family is the core of one's life. Family members should be mutually loving, supportive and accommodating, and should be conscientious at all times.

I think it calls for unrelenting efforts on our part to cultivate our personality, enrich our knowledge, set our goals, and vigorously strive for improvement throughout our lives. Do not be discouraged by failure but learn from it. Bear in mind that committing an error is not something unforgivable, but repeating one is. And never hit a man when he's down; instead, give him helping hands. Love the people and things around us. Brace ourselves by self-discipline and brighten our souls with truthfulness, kind-heartedness, and virtue.

I would like to take this opportunity to echo the view that Lingnan University is a liberal arts university with a distinctive objective of ushering in a new era of liberal arts education in Hong Kong. The goal of the University is to nurture persons with high integrity, or, to be exact, whole persons. To all graduates in this hall, I would say how I envy you the quality university education you have received! You are the future pillars of our society. I deeply believe that, Lingnan graduates, who have benefited from liberal arts education, will make outstanding contribution towards building an even more harmonious and prosperous society in Hong Kong.

Last but not least, I wish all new graduates and the University every success in future pursuits, and all of you good health and happy life. Thank you!

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致辭

曾蔭權監督先生、梁振英主席、陳坤耀校長、應屆畢業同學、各位嶺南人、各位嘉賓：

今天是嶺南大學第三十五屆學位頒授典禮，首先我非常感謝嶺南大學頒予我榮譽法學博士這項殊榮。嶺南是一所精小、優美和具有悠久歷史和傳統的大學，能夠成為這個大家庭的一份子，我感到萬分榮幸和喜悅。同時承蒙大學給我機會，讓我代表今天幾位獲得榮譽博士榮銜的人士講話，實在與有榮焉。

香港是個多元、開放的社會，無可避免有不同的聲音。惟有求同存異，才能和睦共處，造福社會。

香港回歸祖國，實行「一國兩制、港人治港、高度自治」，這是史無前例的創舉。時移世易，這種歷史性的轉變，自然會衍生新的問題，引發社會上各種思潮，產生不同的看法，乃至引起激烈的爭論。

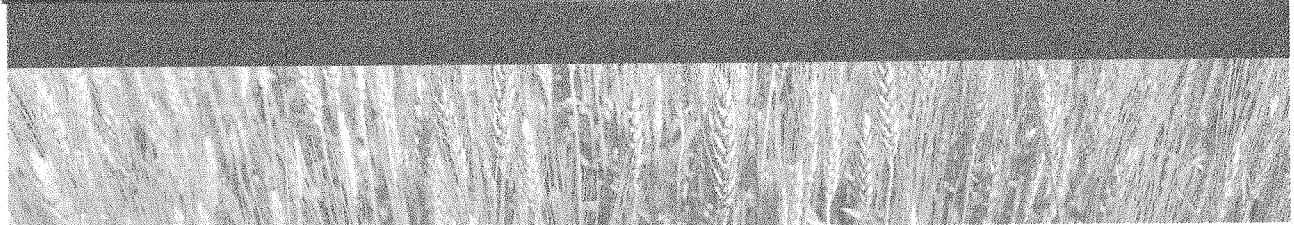
自然規律告訴我們，只有適者才能生存。要適應大自然，就要正確處理人和大自然的關係；而社會是由人組成，就要正確處理人和人、個人和群體、群體與群體的關係。非理性的、偏激的爭拗，不但無助問題的解決，更會激化矛盾，把問題推向極端，危害社會，傷害香港與國家的關係。

所以，港人要認清正確的方向，需要冷靜判斷、明智抉擇、果敢取捨；社會要融洽相處，凝聚共識，在有所堅持的同時，不要忘記有時亦需要有所讓步、有所妥協；要增加對話，多做良性的互動，透過相互理解，互諒互讓增強團結合作。

監督先生，我深信，經歷過無數艱難曲折，都能安然渡過逆境的香港人，深具克服困難的經驗和智慧。隨著磨合期的進程，港人定能有辦法化解新問題，放開懷抱、適應變化、求同存異，營造多元兼容、理性有情、互信祥和的社會環境。

至於為人之道，我認為要寬容，要擇善而從。《論語·衛靈公》有云：「己所不欲，勿施於人」。只要能做到以上的格言，便能找到珍貴的友誼，享受怡然自得的心境，領悟快樂人生之真諦。

以香港為例，七百萬的港人，多數生於斯、長於斯，以香港為家。家庭是人生之本，家庭成員要和和睦睦，互相扶持，時刻以良知約束自己。



本人以為在人生的旅途上，要不斷陶冶性情，提高個人學問修養與品格，為自己定下理想，積極追求進取。遇到挫折不要氣餒，要善於從失敗中汲取教訓，要記著：重蹈覆轍才是不可原諒的錯誤。當別人遭受挫折的時候，絕不可落井下石，更應向他們伸出援助之手。愛人利物，砥節礪行，讓心靈永遠煥發真、善、美。

藉此機會，我想特別強調，嶺南大學是一所博雅大學，銳意在香港開拓博雅教育的新紀元。學校的目標是要培養真正的人，可以說是全人。我真羨慕在座各位畢業同學能在嶺南大學接受如此優質的大學教育。你們是社會未來的棟樑。我深信，受過博雅教育薰陶的嶺大學生，定能為一個更和睦、更璀璨的香港作出傑出的貢獻。

最後，我謹祝各位畢業同學鵬程萬里，嶺南大學校務蒸蒸日上，並祝大家身體健康，生活愉快。多謝各位！