

**Mr Liu Lit-mo**  
**Doctor of Laws *honoris causa***  
**Citation**

Today Lingnan University would like to honour an outstanding banker - Mr Liu Lit-mo, JP. Mr Liu has been the Managing Director of Liu Chong Hing Investment Limited since 1972. He is also the Vice Chairman and Executive Director of Liu Chong Hing Bank Limited. When asked about the reason behind his remarkable achievements, he recounted his father, Mr Liu Po-shan, Mr Liu admitted that he was deeply influenced by his father. "My father worked with great perseverance. He was always determined to accomplish what he had set out to do." Indeed, Mr Liu adheres to this persevering spirit in both his banking business and public and charity work.

The Hong Kong banking crisis in 1961 came as a stern challenge for both Mr Liu and the Liu's family. The young Mr Liu, who was studying overseas at that time, was requested to return to Hong Kong to handle the crisis. Thanks to their incomparable perseverance, Mr Liu and his brothers managed to steer their family business out of crisis. And in just two years' time, they re-vitalized their family business.

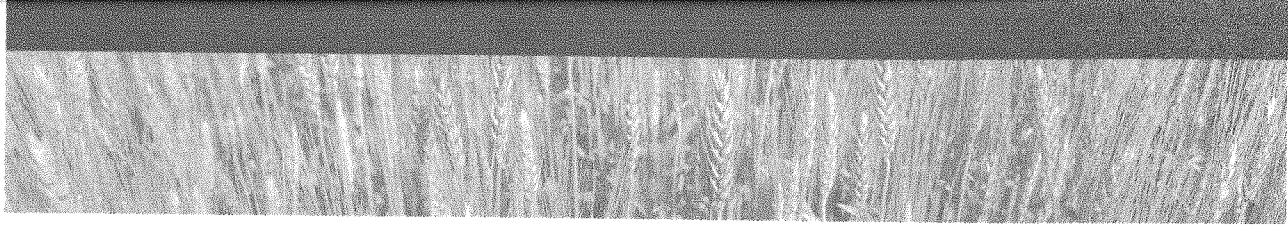
On the business front, Mr Liu also emphasizes the importance of "prudence" and this is the principle of his business and the cornerstone of his success. Mr Liu is modest about his achievements, always attributing them to the concerted efforts of his brothers and other family members. In Mr Liu, we can see how family life and career may be brought perfectly together.

While the "confidence crisis" in early 1980s got some local banks into hot water, Mr Liu's business survived one difficult situation after another. Liu Chong Hing Bank successfully spun off from Liu Chong Hing Investment Limited in 1994, and the Bank has now over 35 branches. This was clearly the fruitful result of Mr. Liu's superb leadership.

Mr Liu's business achievements are paralleled by his remarkable contribution to public welfare. Mr Liu is currently a member of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory Board, and was the Chairman of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals from 1967 to 1968. Tung Wah Group of Hospitals is one of the oldest and largest charitable organizations in Hong Kong, providing various services such as healthcare, education and social welfare for Hong Kong citizens. By participating in the activities of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, Mr Liu has contributed to the Hong Kong society across a number of sectors. In addition, during his service as the Chairman, he called for social stability in view of the unstable political climate at that time. He served well as a leader of charitable organization by calling for calm of public sentiment.

Mr Liu has also made significant contributions to the education sector. He is a member of the Board of Trustees and the Endowment Fund Committee of the United College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, as well as a Director of Liu Po Shan Memorial College (originally known as Chong Hing College) founded by Mr Liu Po Shan. In addition, Mr Liu was also a member of the Board of Education, a member of the Grantham Scholarships Fund Committee, a member of the Committee of the Police Children's Education Trust, etc. Mr Liu, through these posts, played an important part in education policies, school building, student awards and training of talents.

Besides the education sector, Mr Liu also makes contributions to the community by holding a number of other public offices. When he was the District Governor of Rotary International (District 3450), he visited Qingyuan and Zhanjiang which were devastated by rainstorm. What Mr Liu brought the victims was far more than just material support: he gave them much needed love, addressing their pressing needs as if they were his own. Mr Liu had also been the Chairman of Hong Kong Football Association, the



President of the Hong Kong Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce Limited and the head of several other organizations.

In recognition of his substantial contribution to community service, Mr Liu Lit-mo, at only 29, was appointed as a Justice of the Peace by the then Hong Kong Governor in 1967. He was subsequently awarded an MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) by Her Majesty the Queen next year, and a Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977.

The outstanding achievements of Mr Liu are indeed admirable. Yet, his persevering spirit, undeterred by insurmountable odds, and his unremitting efforts of seeking personal advancement are even more commendable. Mr Chancellor, may I present Mr Liu Lit-mo to you for the award of the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.

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贊辭

今天嶺南大學要表揚一位傑出的銀行企業家——廖烈武太平紳士。廖先生自1972年起即擔任廖創興企業有限公司董事總經理；廖先生亦為廖創興銀行有限公司的副主席兼常務董事。問及廖先生卓越成就之由，廖先生憶及的就是他的父親廖寶珊先生。廖先生不諱言他受父親的影響至深：「父親做事鍥而不捨，立定主意後，便一定要做得到。」廖先生在銀行實業和社會公益兩方面，都貫徹了鍥而不捨的精神。

1961年發生的香港銀行風潮，是廖先生和廖氏家族的嚴峻考驗。年青的廖先生當時正在求學階段，由於要處理危機，在父親召喚下從外國趕返香港。廖先生臨危領命，與兄弟同心協力，為家族事業掌舵，憑藉無比的堅毅，前後用了兩年時間，令家族銀行渡過難關，在危機中重振家業。


在業務上，廖先生強調穩健方針，「穩健」成為業務發展的宗旨，也為成功奠下基石。每當談及廖先生的成就時，他總是謙和地表示，此乃兄弟團結、家族成員共同奮發的成果。家庭與事業的交融，在謙厚的廖先生身上得到充份的體現。

八十年代的「信心危機」也令一些本地銀行陷入困境，廖先生的業務却能渡過一次又一次的暴潮。廖創興銀行更於1994年從廖創興企業有限公司成功分拆上市，銀行現擁有超過35間分行；這就是運籌帷幄的成果。

廖先生除在事業上具非凡成就外，在公益事務方面，亦有卓越的貢獻。廖先生現任東華三院顧問局顧問，並曾於1967至1968年擔任東華三院主席。東華三院為本港歷史悠久及規模龐大的慈善機構，為香港市民提供醫療、教育和社會福利等多元化服務。廖先生透過參與東華三院的事務，對香港社會作出多方面的貢獻。此外，先生在擔任東華三院主席期間，鑑於當時不穩定的政治形勢，振臂疾呼，力謀社會安定；便發揮了作為慈善團體領袖，穩定民情的作用。

廖先生對教育事務亦貢獻良多。廖先生不但擔任由廖寶珊先生創辦的廖寶珊紀念書院(原名創興書院)校董，亦是香港中文大學聯合書院校董和香港中文大學聯合書院基金委員會委員。此外，廖先生亦曾擔任教育委員會委員，葛亮洪教育基金委員會委員和警察兒童教育信託委員會委員等職務。廖先生透過擔任教育事務的職位，對教育政策、學校建設、獎勵學生和培育英才多方面，作出重大貢獻。

除教育外，廖先生亦擔任多項公職，造福社群。先生擔任國際扶輪社(3450地區)總監時，曾親身探訪受雨災、風災蹂躪的清遠和湛江。廖先生帶給災民的，不單是物資上的援



助，更是「相與濟蒼生」(李白〈送裴十八圖南歸嵩山〉)——急人所急的善心和愛心。除擔任扶輪社總監外，廖先生亦曾出任香港足球總會主席、香港潮州商會會長及其他多個社團之首長。

鑑於對社會服務的重大貢獻，先生於1967年，在年僅29歲即被當時港督委任為太平紳士，翌年獲英女王頒授英帝國員佐勳章(MBE)，1977年更獲英女皇頒授銀禧紀念勳章。

非凡的成就當然值得欽佩；然而，廖先生鍥而不捨的堅毅，從驚濤駭浪中的奮鬥到「直掛雲帆濟滄海」(李白〈行路難〉)的經歷，這種自強不息的精神，更值得褒揚。我謹此恭請監督先生頒授榮譽法學博士學位予廖烈武先生。