

Dr Cheng Mo-chi has had a long and illustrious career in the legal profession, and is currently Senior Partner of P C Woo & Co. A graduate of the University of Hong Kong, Dr Cheng received his Bachelor of Laws (LLB) in 1972, followed by a Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) in 1973. He was admitted to the bar in Hong Kong, the United Kingdom & Wales, Australia (Victoria) and Singapore in 1975, 1979, 1983 and 1985 respectively. In 2007, he was honoured by Hong Kong Baptist University with the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*. Dr Cheng's areas of practice encompass capital markets (including mergers & acquisitions), IPO and joint venture, agency, intellectual property, corporate governance and regulatory and compliance, and public policies especially taxation and education. He is also a member of the Hong Kong Society of Notaries, a Council member of the Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers, and a non-executive director of a number of publicly-listed companies.

Amidst his remarkable achievements as a professional, Dr Cheng has not lost sight of his obligation to serve society. Long before he even turned 30, Dr Cheng began his lifelong association with many public organizations as a board member of the Ying Wah Girls' School Council. Many appointments soon followed. These include, among others, serving as Member of the Legislative Council, Chairman of the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund Board, and as a Justice of the Peace.

With the return of Hong Kong's sovereignty to Mainland China in 1997, Dr Cheng's contributions to public service further expanded in scope, a reflection of his versatility and professionalism. Some of these are: Member of Beijing Committee and Chengdu Committee of CPPCC, Chancellor of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Church), Chairman of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange's Main Board Listing Committee and Growth Enterprise Market Listing Committee, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on New Broad-based Taxes, Chairman of the Council and Court of Hong Kong Baptist University, Member of the Education Commission, Chairman of the Board of Education, Chairman of the Committee for the Promotion of Civic Education, Chairman of the Betting and Lotteries Commission, Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, and Chairman of Opera Hong Kong.

It can be seen from this impressive list that Dr Cheng's public-service appointments span the areas of politics, law, business and finance, education, the arts, and livelihood concerns of the ordinary citizen. His contributions in his various capacities are particularly meaningful in light of the economic, educational, political and social changes effecting Hong Kong's progress as a whole. In recognition of his many services and contributions to Hong Kong, Dr Cheng was honoured with the Gold Bauhinia

Star award by the HKSAR government in 2003. In the same year, he was made an honorary fellow by the University of Hong Kong.

Looking back on more than 30 years of public service, Dr Cheng frankly admitted to having ups and downs in his broad range of service work. For instance, as Chair of the Advisory Committee on New Broad-based Taxes, he came to realize that Hong Kong may not be ready for it, for the general recognition of building Hong Kong's progress on a basis of collective fiscal responsibility is yet to take root. Equally challenging was his experience in reviewing the remuneration scales of Hong Kong Baptist University. Dr Cheng treaded with humility and empathy in trying to understand a way of thinking somewhat different from his own profession, striking a balance between stakeholders' rights and responsibilities in an academic context. Handling issues and working with people call for different attitudes: the former requires a precise grasp of data and evidence, the latter requires fairness and sympathy, openness and patience. The situation may be adversarial, but the attitude can never be confrontational. Dr Cheng is convinced that society can move ahead only when there is a consensus built on trust and a tolerance for differing views.

Dr Cheng believes that spiritual faith should be actualized in life. He who is entrusted with public responsibility should adhere to ethical principles, remains mindful of giving back to society what he has gained from it. He should be aware that social progress is the sum of efforts of the individuals constituting it, which calls for a transcendence of personal gain or partisanship and a focus on the public weal. In this way difficulty cannot weaken commitment, and adversity cannot dampen satisfaction.

A great believer in the power of education, Dr Cheng is an advocate for education reforms, the enhancement of teaching approaches, the promotion of cooperation between parents and schools, and the teaching of civic education and values. He also believes that there should be more collaboration among universities to enhance for each other in order to provide a better learning environment for students. On the other hand, students need to develop self-cultivation, self-respect, self-discipline and self-confidence, to cultivate themselves continuously so that they can eventually contribute to society. Looking at Dr Cheng's public service career, we can perhaps describe him thus: "In his early years he has followed the Way in understanding and praxis, Yet the heart of the mature man surpasses the youth in passion."

Confucius's disciple Zengzi once said, "A noble man must be strong and resolute, for his responsibility is heavy and his road is long." The Bible, too, teaches one to serve rather than be served. These are all mottos for public service. Mr Chairman, Dr Cheng

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has indeed contributed significantly to his profession and society through treading a long road of heavy responsibility; his dedication to serve is exemplary and deserves the greatest respect.

鄭慕智博士為享譽香港法律界之執業律師，目前為胡百全律師事務所之首席合夥人。鄭博士畢業於香港大學，1972年獲法學學士學位，1973年獲法律專業文憑。其後於1975年、1979年、1983年及1985年，分別取得香港、英國及威爾斯、澳洲維多利亞省以及新加坡之執業資格，2007年更獲香港浸會大學頒授榮譽法學博士學位。鄭博士之執業範圍廣泛，包括合併與收購、股份公開發售等有關資本市場之業務、合資企業、代理權、知識產權、企業管治與守則監管、以及與稅務及教育有關之公共政策等。此外，鄭博士亦為國際公證人、中國司法部委托公證人以及多家上市公司之獨立董事。

除傑出之事業成就外，鄭博士於繁忙中不忘回饋社會，服務香港。鄭博士之社會服務始於1974年，未屆立年已擔任英華女校校董，此後一直出任多所中、小學校董。其後獲委任為立法局議員、破產欠薪保障基金委員會主席、太平紳士等公職。1997年香港回歸祖國後，鄭博士之服務範圍更廣泛，包括出任北京市政協委員、成都市政協委員、香港聖公會教省法律顧問、香港聯合交易所主板及創業板上市委員會主席、稅基廣闊的新稅項事宜諮詢委員會主席、香港浸會大學校董會及諮議會主席、教育統籌委員會委員、教育委員會主席、公民教育委員會主席、博彩及獎券事務委員會主席、廉政公署社區關係市民諮詢委員會主席、香港歌劇院主席等職務，展現出見深識廣、謀高慮遠之才能。此外，鄭博士亦積極於扶輪及安老事務。從以上梗概可見，鄭博士之公職範圍涵蓋政治、法律、財經、教育、藝術及民生等領域，於香港經濟轉型、社會開展、教育改革及政治協商之際，黽勉從事，輔物利民，建樹良多。香港特區政府於2003年，特頒授金紫荊星章予鄭博士，以表彰其不辭勞苦之服務精神及對香港社會作出之多方面貢獻。香港大學亦於同年頒授名譽大學院士榮銜予鄭博士。

回顧三十多年之公職服務，鄭博士坦言難易相參，苦樂並嚐。例如籌劃擴闊稅基，有待於提高市民對承擔社會建設之共同意識，非一時所能速達；重整浸會大學薪酬架構以增加運作靈活度，務必理解教職員之憂慮，而大學人員之思維有別於商業社會，需要虛心學習，最終平衡各方之權利與責任。待人與處事之智慧不同：處事要求準確掌握資料情況，待人要求公正體諒、坦誠耐心。立場固可不同，態度不可對抗，必須建立互重互信，方能存異求同，攜手推動社會改進。鄭博士認為生命信仰應貫徹於現實生活：擔任公職者應恪守事有所必為、有所不為之價值原則；懷抱受諸社會、用諸社會之心志；

瞭解社會進步乃個體獻力總和之道理，無慮個人榮辱，長念民生公益，進而摒棄門戶之見，公平理事，集思廣益。誠能如此，雖難而不損志，雖苦而不減樂。鄭博士尤重培育人才，積極推動教育改革，鼓勵學校改善教學模式，提升家校合作，提倡公民及價值教育。大學則應進一步加強合作及互補，為學子提供更靈活完善之學習環境；學子自身更應明白自學、自尊、自律、自信之道理，不斷進學修身而後輔世。觀乎鄭博士之公職歷程，可謂「早歲知行兼合道，壯心猶過少年情」。

孔子之弟子曾子有言：「士不可以不弘毅，任重而道遠。」《聖經》中亦有「非以役人，乃役於人」之訓，皆為公職服務之座右銘。主席先生，鄭慕智博士不論對香港法律界以至對社會及民生，多年來無疑已作出任重道遠之貢獻，盡心誠意服務於人，殊堪敬重。