

Dr Peter Wong Tung-shun, GBS, JP

Doctor of Business Administration *honoris causa*

Citation

Dr Peter Wong Tung-shun is probably the most prominent banker in Hong Kong, and the only executive to have held the top post at three of the city's largest international banks - Citigroup, Standard Chartered, and now HSBC. He is the only banker whose signature has appeared on banknotes issued by the latter two banks.

Born in Hong Kong, Dr Wong received his primary and secondary education here before pursuing higher education in the United States, where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, an MBA in Marketing and Finance, and an MSc in Computer Science at Indiana University, where he studied artificial intelligence and big data theory. He is a member of the Academy of Alumni Fellows, at Indiana's Kelley School of Business.

Dr Wong built his reputation in Hong Kong as the first Chinese Asia-Pacific chief executive of HSBC. His experience and wisdom grew as he weathered 11 seismic economic and industry crises including the Asian currency crisis, the global financial crisis and multiple epidemics. Over his 40-year career, Dr Wong repeatedly managed to find opportunities in volatile situations. He has also played a critical role helping to explain China to the West.

Banking was not his initial career choice. He started out as an educator in the United States before joining Citibank in 1980 to drive the digitisation of its banking systems. After nearly two decades of star-studded achievements, he moved to Standard Chartered Bank where he was later appointed as the first Chinese CEO of Standard Chartered Hong Kong.

Dr Wong joined HSBC in 2005 as General Manager and Executive Director, and was appointed Chief Executive of Asia Pacific in 2010. During his tenure, he sharpened the bank's focus on Asia, thereby enhancing the region's connectivity to the rest of the world across the HSBC network and turning Asia into the bank's primary growth engine. He stayed honest and grounded, showed outstanding business acumen and a keen sense of global awareness, and exhibited a strong sense of responsibility for keeping Hong Kong thriving as a top international financial centre.

Understanding the role technology can play in improving people's lives and stimulating economic activity, he has argued that digitisation and innovation are key for our city's continued success. As a leader he is well-known for empowering his people to explore new solutions and consider new ideas, to take risks and reap rewards.

Dr Wong's contribution to Hong Kong extends well beyond the financial industry. He has served the Board of The Community Chest of Hong Kong for over six years and he is currently a Vice Patron. As Chair of the HSBC's The Hongkong Bank Foundation, he led the Foundation to focus on the fostering of Hong Kong's youth for the future, and the welfare of the elderly.

“I still love my job and my life at HSBC and will continue to contribute to the bank, giving advice and also working on charity programmes that benefit the community of Hong Kong,” he told the *South China Morning Post* in an interview last year.

He remains active in numerous government bodies and industry associations. He has been Chair of The Hong Kong Association of Banks for four terms; Chairman of The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce; President of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers; a member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council’s Belt and Road Committee and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority’s Exchange Fund Advisory Committee; and a board member of the China Banking Association. He is also a member of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference.

In 2020, he was awarded a Gold Bauhinia Star by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in recognition of his dedicated public service to the community and distinguished contributions to the financial services sector. The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong conferred an honorary doctorate (Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*) on him in March of this year, in recognition of his achievements in the financial industry and Hong Kong community. Dr Wong continues to add to his legacy. He is passionate about nurturing the youth of today so that they can contribute holistically to the excellence of Hong Kong and weather times of economic stress like today. Seeing young people as catalysts of change, he continues to mentor university students and young colleagues at work. This is all harmonised with Lingnan’s mission.

Mr Chairman, in recognition of his great contributions, I present Dr Peter Wong Tung-shun for conferment of the degree of Doctor of Business Administration *honoris causa*.

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榮譽工商管理學博士

贊辭

王冬勝博士大概是香港最著名的銀行家，他是唯一一位曾在香港最大的三家國際銀行——花旗集團、渣打銀行以及他現在任職的香港上海滙豐銀行有限公司擔任高級行政人員，他也是唯一一位在渣打和滙豐兩家銀行發行的鈔票上簽名的銀行家。

王博士在香港出生，於本地小學和中學接受教育，之後前往美國升學，並在印第安納大學獲得電腦科學學士、市場及財務學碩士，以及電腦科學碩士學位，專門研究人工智能和大數據理論。他是印第安納大學凱萊商學院校友學院成員。

王博士是首位出任滙豐亞太區行政總裁的華人，令他聲名鵲起。由於曾經經歷亞洲金融風暴、環球金融危機、全球疫情等11個重大經濟和行業危機，讓王博士累積豐富的經驗和智慧，在40多年的事業生涯中，在動盪的局勢中仍然處變不驚、轉危為機，並積極讓西方了解中國國情，扮演橋樑的角色，相當重要。

王博士最初選擇從事的並非銀行業。他的第一份工作是在美國執教鞭，其後於1980年加入花旗銀行，專責推動銀行系統數碼化。經過近廿載努力耕耘的青雲路，他轉投渣打銀行，其後被任命為渣打銀行首位香港區華人總裁。

王博士於2005年加入滙豐銀行，擔任總經理兼執行董事，並於2010年獲委任為亞太區行政總裁。在任期間，他進一步提升滙豐在亞洲區的業務，加強亞洲與滙豐在全球各地網絡的聯繫，更令亞洲成為集團主要的增長引擎。他堅守誠信，穩打穩紮，處處展現對商界的卓越見識以及國際視野，以保持香港作為頂尖國際金融中心為己任。

他深明科技對改善生活和刺激經濟的重要性，並認為推動數碼化和不斷創新是香港賴以成功的關鍵。作為一位成功領袖，他積極鼓勵員工思考新點子、發掘新方案，過程中要敢於承擔風險以爭取回報。

王博士對香港的貢獻遠不止於金融業。他服務香港公益金董事會超過六年，目前為名譽副會長。作為滙豐銀行慈善基金主席，他帶領慈善基金關注香港青少年的未來和長者的福祉。

他去年接受《南華早報》訪問時說：「我仍然非常享受在滙豐的工作，希望繼續作出貢獻、出謀獻策，並致力透過各個慈善項目，造福香港社區。」

王博士亦透過多個公職貢獻香港國際金融中心。他曾四次擔任香港銀行公會

主席、香港總商會主席、香港銀行學會會長、香港貿易發展局一帶一路委員會和香港金融管理局外匯基金諮詢委員會成員，以及中國銀行業協會董事會成員。另外，他是中國人民政治協商會議全國委員會委員。

2020年，他獲香港特別行政區授予金紫荊星章，以表彰他熱心服務社會，以及對金融服務業的傑出貢獻。今年三月，香港恒生大學授予他榮譽博士學位(榮譽法學博士)，嘉許他在金融業和香港的成就。王博士相當熱衷培育青年、培養他們堅毅的精神，讓他們盡展所長，貢獻香港。他認為年輕人是革新的催化劑，因此，他很樂意繼續擔任大學生和年青人的學長。這正與嶺大的使命不謀而合。

主席先生，為表彰王博士的重大貢獻，本人謹恭請閣下頒授榮譽工商管理學博士學位予王冬勝博士。

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