

Mr Leo Kung Lin-cheng is of the Zhejiang ancestral origin. After graduated from the University of Southern California majoring in business administration, he joined the banking industry in Hong Kong, and is currently the senior Executive Vice President of Bangkok Bank.

Following the footsteps of his father, Dr James Kung, a renowned banker in Hong Kong, Mr Leo Kung has become one of the leaders in local banking industry and exhibited a real enthusiasm for community service. Dr James Kung among other public service has committed to promoting economic exchanges between Shanghai and Hong Kong. Being deeply involved in his own businesses, Dr James Kung has a unique view on participating in community service. He believes that the Government cannot be fully responsible for providing the considerable community service. Ultimately this will increase the burden on taxpayers. Therefore, whenever one has spare capacity, he should shoulder more social responsibilities by himself. Under the deep influence of his father, Mr Kung feels that he is obliged to engage himself in community service.

Over the last decade, Mr Kung has taken up quite a number of public offices which occupy much of his time besides his banking business. Mr Kung has been appointed respectively by the Hong Kong Government director or committee member of The Community Chest, the University Grants Committee, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority, the Education Bureau, Ocean Park Corporation, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service and Queen Mary Hospital. As these public offices cover a wide spectrum of services including social, economical, educational, medical and charity aspects of Hong Kong, it is not difficult to imagine how much time and effort Mr Kung has put to public service. In 2006, the Hong Kong Government appointed Mr Kung Justice of Peace, in expectation of his even greater involvement in community service. In recognition of Mr Kung's commitment to community service, he was awarded the French Knight of the Order of Agricultural Merit in 2007.

In addition to public service in Hong Kong, Mr Kung is also a member of the Shanghai Municipal Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and the Shanghai Overseas Friendship Association, promoting exchanges between Hong Kong and Shanghai. Mr Kung also serves as one of the directors of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, and actively participates in the work of other charitable and social organizations in Hong Kong.

Although Mr Kung attains outstanding achievements in his business endeavour and contributes significantly to community service, he is modest and maintains a low profile. Mr Kung is particularly concerned about the higher education of Hong Kong. He was a member of the Council of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and after that a member of the University Grants Committee, making significant contributions to university education. Mr Kung highly appreciates Lingnan University's mission as a liberal arts institution, and considers that the mission will greatly benefit Lingnan's future development. He particularly endorses Lingnan's motto of "Education for Service". Mr Kung believes that there should be an interaction between academia and society, and therefore he emphasizes the applicability to real life of research output from universities in Hong Kong. His practical attitude indicates that he is deeply aware of the functions of local higher education.

Mr Chairman, in recognition of Mr Kung's distinguished career achievements, and his great contributions to the Hong Kong society over the years which set an example for the local community, may I present Mr Leo Kung Lin-cheng to you for the conferment of an Honorary Fellowship of Lingnan University.

孔令成先生祖籍浙江，畢業於美國南加州大學，取得工商管理學士學位。孔先生學成後回港投身銀行界，現任盤谷銀行資深副總裁。

孔先生的父親孔祥勉博士是香港的知名銀行家，孔先生克紹箕裘，不但躋身香港銀行界領導之列，亦效法其父親服務社會的義舉。孔祥勉博士素來熱心公益，除出任香港為數不少的重要公職，亦大力推動滬港兩地的經濟交流。孔祥勉博士在繁重的商務之餘致力為公，有其獨特的見解。他認為社會上事務繁多，不可能全部由政府負責，否則最終只會加重納稅人的負擔。一個人既然行有餘力，就應該多承擔社會責任。孔先生幼承庭訓，深受其父親無私奉公的思想影響，因此一直以服務社會為己任。

過去十年以來，孔先生擔任的重要公職之多，幾乎成為他經營銀行業務以外的副業。香港特區政府先後委任孔先生出任香港公益金、大學教育資助委員會、香港科技大學、強制性公積金計劃管理局、教育局、香港海洋公園、香港社會服務聯會、瑪麗醫院等機構組織的董事及委員職務。這些公職關乎香港的社會、經濟、教育、醫療、慈善各個方面，其工作繁重的程度可想而知。2006年，香港特區政府委任孔先生為太平紳士，以期望孔先生對社會公益繼續作出更大的貢獻。2007年，法國政府對孔先生多年來對社會的服務深表認同，頒予法國國家農業功績騎士勳章以資表揚。

除了香港的公職，孔先生亦出任上海市政協委員及上海海外聯誼會會員，致力促進香港上海兩地的交流。另外，孔先生又加入東華三院總理的行列，並參與香港其他慈善團體及社會組織的工作。

孔先生事業卓然有成。他在社會公務上舉足輕重，但為人低調謙厚，特別關心香港高等教育的發展。他曾經是香港科技大學校董會成員，卸任後又出任大學教育資助委員會委會一職，對大學教育貢獻良多。孔先生十分欣賞嶺南大學推動博雅教育的使命，並且認為這對嶺南未來的發展將會大有裨益。他特別讚許嶺南「作育英才、服務社會」的校訓。孔先生又認為學術與社會之間必須有一種積極的互動關係，因此他十分著重香港高等教育界科研成果的實用性。這種實事求是的態度，顯示出他對高等教育在香港社會中的職能素有深刻的認識。

孔令成先生事業卓有成就，多年來致力為香港社會服務，貢獻良多，是香港社會領袖的表率。主席先生，本人謹恭請閣下頒授嶺南大學榮譽院士銜予孔令成先生。