

I am honoured to introduce to you a distinguished person who is dedicated to community and charitable causes and has made valuable contributions to Hong Kong's electronics industry and education sector, as well as to Lingnan University – Mr Benedict Wong Chung-mat. Mr Wong graduated and received a Master of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering from the Ohio State University in the United States, majoring in Operations Research and Queueing Theory. With his expertise and fortitude, Mr Wong took every step on solid ground to pave the way for his current achievement.

Mr Wong started working in the electronics industry right after he had finished his study in the United States in 1975. Founded in 1962 by the late Mr Wong Wha-san, father of Mr Wong, Wong's Group started off as a small factory and grew robustly in the 70's and 80's through the family's diligence and efforts. Subsequently, the company was listed as Wong's International (Holdings) Limited in 1983. Mr Wong is currently the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Group. He has witnessed the ups and downs in the electronics sector in the 90's and has led the industry to success through sustaining innovations, from which he demonstrates his dynamics and insight in advancement and improvement.

With over thirty-three years of experience in the electronics industry, Mr Wong not only contributes tremendously in local business development, but also participates actively in Mainland and overseas markets. Mr Wong set up a factory in Shajing, Shenzhen in 1986 and in Suzhou in 2003. His business also covers cities such as Beijing, Shanghai and Chengdu. Wong's Group has made a total investment of more than 1 billion dollars in Mainland and has made contributions to the economic development. Mr Wong has also explored business opportunities in places including the United States, Europe and Japan, allowing the Group to always stay at the forefront of the industry and advance in line with his global counterparts.

Mr Wong has spent great effort in providing impetus to scientific research. He sits on the Board of the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Company Limited and the Electronics/Electrical Appliances Industry Advisory Committee of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council. He is also a Court member of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), the Director of HKUST R and D Corporation Ltd, and serves on The University of Hong Kong Foundation for Educational Development and Research Limited. With his professionalism and participation, Mr Wong succeeds in training talents for electronics technology research through university-affiliated companies.

In the education sector, Mr Wong makes his extensive contributions in various levels with remarkable results. Being a member of the Council of Lingnan University and the Social Sciences Advisory Board, Mr Wong has given valuable advice for the development of the University. Apart from tertiary education, Mr Wong also participates proactively in primary and secondary

education affairs in Hong Kong and Mainland. He has taken up the role as the Supervisor of Yan Chai Hospital Wong Wha San Secondary School since 1999, and the incumbent Chairman of its Incorporated Management Committee. He attends all the Committee meetings no matter how busy he is and advises on the development of the school. To offer children more opportunities for schooling, Mr Wong has also set up a number of "Hopeful Schools" in his hometown Nanchang, Jiangxi, as well as other locations like Xi'an, Hunan and Huizhou. With a passion to promote education for information technology, Mr Wong donated the "Multi-users System", developed by his company, to primary schools in Chengdu, Sichuan, and in Nanchang, Jiangxi, for enhancing their teaching and learning efficiency through computer technology.

Over the years, Mr Wong has spent time and effort as member of governmental committees, social service and professional organizations. In charity and social service, Mr Wong is a member of the Committee on Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). Since 2003, he has been helping victims and relatives of the deceased alleviate and overcome financial difficulties by facilitating approvals for avascular necrosis subsidies and giving continuous care to needed individuals. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Smile Operation China Medical Mission for many years, Mr Wong had organized operations for impoverished cleft lip patients in provinces such as Shandong, Yunan, Jiangxi and Sichuan. In community care, Mr Wong was the Chairman of Yan Chai Hospital, and is currently the Secretary of its Advisory Board, upholding the motto "Serving the Community in the Spirit of Benevolence". During 2004-2007, he served as the Chairman of the Tsuen Wan District Fight Crime Committee and the Vice Chairman of the Tsuen Wan Economic Promotion Committee. He also collaborated with the Correctional Services Department in promoting rehabilitation and social reintegration programmes for offenders. In addition, Mr Wong is involved in drug-abuse prevention activities with the Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong by cultivating caring networks for youngsters and promoting a healthy and positive living among them.

Mr Wong has been paying intensive attention to the economic development in Mainland. In 2008, Mr Wong was elected as a member of the thirteenth Chengdu Municipal Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. His valuable experience and contribution in boosting the development of electronics industry in the motherland has been fully recognized. And being a Council member of The Better Hong Kong Foundation, Mr Wong shoulders the mission to promote Hong Kong for attracting more overseas investments.

Mr Chairman, may I now present Mr Benedict Wong Chung-mat to you for the conferment of an Honorary Fellowship of Lingnan University in recognition of his outstanding contributions to his profession, talent training, charitable causes, and community welfare as well as to Lingnan University.

本人深感榮幸在此向諸位介紹一位熱心社會公益事務，在香港電子工業界、教育界甚有建樹，對嶺南大學貢獻良多的傑出人士——王忠秣先生。王忠秣先生畢業於美國俄亥俄州立大學，獲工業及系統工程理學碩士學位，專修經營學研究及等候理論，王先生憑藉專業知識和堅毅奮進的精神，腳踏實地締造了今天的成就。

王先生1975年由美國學成回港即投身電子行業，王氏集團於1962年由王忠秣先生先翁王華湘先生創立，從一間小型工廠開始，父子兄弟克勤克儉努力經營，在七、八十年代壯大規模，終於在1983年以王氏國際(集團)的名稱上市。王忠秣先生現任集團主席及行政總裁，曾經見證九十年代電子業的風起雲湧，帶領企業不斷創新以臻於成功，從中可以窺見王先生勇於開拓、革新求變之魄力和識見。

王忠秣先生在電子業有超過三十三年經驗，不單對香港業界的發展貢獻良多，亦積極在國內外拓展業務。王先生分別於1986年及2003年在深圳沙井及蘇州建立廠房，在北京、上海等城市亦有電子科技業務，在內地的總投資超過十億元，對國家的經濟建設作出了貢獻。王忠秣先生亦在美國、歐洲、日本等地開拓業務，發掘商機，時刻站在行業的尖端，與環球同業齊頭並進。

在推動科研方面，王先生亦不遺餘力，他是香港應用科技研究院有限公司董事局成員及審計委員會委員、香港貿易發展局電子電機工業諮詢委員會委員。此外，王先生亦為香港科技大學顧問委員會委員、香港科技大學研究開發有限公司董事，並任香港大學教育發展及研究基金遴選委員。王先生以自己的專業眼光，身體力行，透過大學附屬公司為電子科研專業培訓人才，成績斐然。

王忠秣先生在教育界的貢獻不但多元化，而且建樹良多。王先生為嶺南大學校董會及社會科學諮詢委員會會員，為本校的發展提供寶貴意見。除高等教育外，王先生亦積極參與香港及內地中、小學教育事務。自1999年開始，王先生便擔任仁濟醫院

王華湘中學的校監，如今更擔任法團校董會主席，無論工作多麼繁忙，也必定出席校董會會議，為學校發展提供意見。此外，王先生更在其家鄉江西南昌，以及西安、湖南、惠州等地，興建多所「希望學校」，為莘莘學子締造學習機會。王先生亦熱心推動資訊科技教育，把其公司研發生產的「電腦多用戶系統」捐贈予四川成都及江西南昌的小學，希望利用電腦科技提升教學效能。

多年以來，王忠秣先生擔任多個政府委員會、社會服務及專業組織的主席或委員，在各領域貢獻他的才能和專長。在公益及社會服務的層面，王先生為香港嚴重急性呼吸系統綜合症(沙士)信託基金委員會委員，由2003年至今，積極幫助患者及死者家屬解決經濟困難，迅速審批骨枯津助等申請，持續關顧受影響人士的需要，協助他們渡過難關。王先生曾任微笑行動中心基金會執行委員多年，組織醫療專家，為山東、雲南、江西、四川等地貧困的兔唇病人施行手術。在社區關懷方面，王先生曾擔任仁濟醫院主席，現任顧問局秘書，以尊仁濟世的精神服務社會。王先生曾為荃灣區撲滅罪行委員會主席及荃灣區促進經濟委員會副主席，特別重視在社區宣傳教育撲滅罪行、振興經濟，亦曾與香港懲教署合作推動更生人士重新融入社會計劃。在反吸毒方面，王先生與香港中華基督教青年會推行防止青少年吸食危害精神科毒品關懷網絡，以推廣健康、積極的人生觀。

王忠秣先生亦非常關注內地發展，2008年，王先生當選為成都市第十三屆政協委員，以自身經驗推動國家電子工業發展的貢獻，得到認同。此外，王先生為香港明天更好基金理事會委員，肩負宣傳香港的重任，吸引海內外人士投資香港。

主席先生，本人謹恭請閣下頒授嶺南大學榮譽院士銜予王忠秣先生，以表揚他在其專業、人才培育、公益事務、社會福利，以及對嶺南大學各方面傑出的貢獻。