

Mr Pong Chun-Yee David, JP

Honorary Fellow

Address

Council Chairman Mr Andrew Yao, President Prof Leonard Cheng, Honorary Fellows, Lingnanians, ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great honour to receive an honorary fellowship from Lingnan University. I am delighted to deliver this address on behalf of my distinguished fellow recipients, Mr Ip Chun, Dr Winnie Tang, Mr Jaap van Zweden and myself. Together, we would like to express our thanks to the University Council.

Lingnan's long and sometimes turbulent history dates back to its founding in 1888 in Guangzhou. From what I have read, Lingnan University has moved its campus more often than any other major university in the world. Lingnan has not only survived the multiple relocations, and its merger with Sun Yat-sen University and subsequent re-establishment in Hong Kong, but also adapted in the face of these challenges to become a stronger and better institution of higher learning. Today, Lingnan is the only liberal arts university in Hong Kong and widely recognised as one of the top liberal arts universities in Asia.

While I am not a Lingnan alumnus, I do feel a degree of familiarity with the University. My family business, Shiu Wing Steel Limited, is also in Tuen Mun just 15 minutes from the Lingnan campus. My father, Frank Pong, served on the Lingnan Council for six years while Professor Edward Chen was the President. I have also had the pleasure of working with your art history professors in the Department of Visual Studies.

Now more than ever, Lingnan and all the other universities in Hong Kong need to help unite our home city by fostering an environment to nurture open-minded, knowledgeable, and responsible young adults. Together, regardless of any difference of opinion, the next generation must move forward and build a better tomorrow for Hong Kong.

In closing, may I once again, on behalf of Mr Ip Chun, Dr Winnie Tang, Mr Jaap van Zweden, express our gratitude to Lingnan University for the award. We will continue to support this great institution and watch with pride and joy as Lingnan University goes from strength to strength in the coming years!

Thank you.

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謝辭

校董會主席姚祖輝先生、校長鄭國漢教授、各位榮譽院士、各位嶺南人、各位嘉賓：

我獲得嶺南大學頒授榮譽院士銜是莫大的榮譽，而我能代表同獲榮譽院士銜的葉準先生、鄧淑明博士及梵志登先生向大家致謝辭，感到十分高興。我們謹此向嶺南大學校董會敬申謝意。

嶺南大學1888年於廣州成立，歷史悠久，但發展並非一帆風順。我看過一些資料，得悉嶺南大學曾多次遷校，次數比世界上任何一所主流大學更多。貴校雖然屢次遷校，復與中山大學合併，其後在香港復校，至今依然屹立不倒；面對種種難關，仍能屈伸求變，成為規模更大、質素更高的高等學府。今天，嶺南大學是香港唯一的博雅大學，也是大家眼中亞洲頂尖的博雅大學之一。

我雖然不是嶺南大學校友，但對嶺南滿有親切感。我的家族企業「紹榮鋼鐵」位處屯門，和嶺大校園只有15分鐘路距。陳坤耀教授擔任校長時，家父龐輝在嶺南大學校董會服務六年。此外，我亦有機會與貴校視覺研究系的藝術史教授合作，感到非常榮幸。

今天，嶺南大學和香港其他所有大學一樣，都要在學習環境上費盡心神，以培育出思想開明、有學識、以及勇於承擔的年輕人，團結香港上上下下。曩昔要如此，今茲更要如此。下一代必須求同存異，攜手前進，為香港建設更美好的明天。

最後，我再一次代表葉準先生、鄧淑明博士及梵志登先生向嶺南大學敬申謝忱。我們會繼續支持這所優秀的學府，自強不息，讓我們引以為傲。

謝謝各位。