

Mr Armstrong Lee Hon-cheung

Honorary Fellow

Address

Council Chairman Mr Andrew Yao, President Prof Leonard K Cheng, Honorary Fellows, faculty and members of the Lingnan community, and distinguished guests:

First of all, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Lingnan University for conferring these honorary fellowships on Mr Nicholas Brooke, Mr David Kwok, Mr Michael Ngai and myself; it is my greatest honour to be able to deliver this speech on behalf of my fellow awardees here.

Today, as recipients of the Honorary Fellowship, we are extremely proud to pronounce ourselves “official Lingnians”. Despite its modest scale, Lingnan is for sure a leading brand in the development of education in Hong Kong and China. In recent years, under the leadership of Chairman Mr Andrew Yao and President Professor Leonard Cheng, the University has achieved extraordinary accomplishments which have earned worldwide recognition. In the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2021, Lingnan University was ranked third globally for “Quality Education” out of more than 1,000 universities, and this result is an accurate reflection of Lingnians’ characteristic: perseverance in the pursuit of quality education. In my days serving Lingnan, I felt deeply that all Lingnians – be they professors, staff members, alumni, or members of the Court and Council – worked assiduously to bring quality teaching and continuous improvement in all fields, prioritising the well-being of students, and never compromising on the value of education. Humble and unassuming, Lingnians do not flaunt their many triumphs, and with a longer history than any other university in Hong Kong, Lingnan prides itself on being a leading liberal arts university. Moreover, the rate of admission to student hostels at Lingnan is the highest in Hong Kong, which I believe is envied by many students of our peers!

The three worthy individuals who have received honorary fellowships today, including Mr Nicholas Brooke, Mr David Kwok and Mr Michael Ngai, are indeed fine examples of Lingnians. Having made outstanding contributions to the real estate, banking and financial industries which are pillars of Hong Kong’s economy, they have upheld professionalism, conscientiously worked to attain concrete achievements, and, in the continuous pursuit of excellence in their work, they are all esteemed industry leaders. Guided by their international vision and love for Hong Kong, they have devoted themselves to altruistic service, and contributed significantly to education, youth service, environmental protection, and technological innovation, as well as the arts and culture. Just like Lingnan University, their willingness to enrich the young and lead by example has made them role models for “quality education” within their industries, providing a substantial input into nurturing talents to benefit the society!

Lingnan University is the third university where I serve on the Council – after The Open University of Hong Kong (now Hong Kong Metropolitan University) and City University of Hong Kong; currently I am also a Council Member of The Education University of Hong Kong. Naturally each of these four universities has its own strengths and qualities, that said, the satisfaction I have derived from serving on Lingnan University’s Council over the past six years is beyond words! In fact, not every university in Hong Kong has a special committee under the Council dedicated to the career development of its students, and I am very lucky to have served as Chairman of the Career Development Committee under the Lingnan University Council, and put in my two cents for students’ employment and career growth. Whenever our students achieve satisfactory results in interviews, employment, salaries and career growth, I can sense the fruits of Lingnan’s solidarity strongly. I often tell students “if you are in any way grateful to Lingnan University, do not decline the school’s request for help in the future after you graduate. I am convinced that the helpful and supportive spirit of Lingnians will bring out a united front and indiscriminating culture that will be carried forward to many generations to come!

This year, as the University celebrates the 55th anniversary of its re-establishment in Hong Kong, I, on behalf of the three Honorary Fellows, sincerely wish Lingnan a prosperous development, thriving prominence, and uninterrupted nurturing of future pillars of the community, while upholding Chinese culture and traditions. Finally, I would like to express our gratitude to the distinguished guests and Lingnians here today, and wish you all success in work and life, as well as health and prosperity!

Thank you very much.

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謝辭

尊敬的嶺南大學校董會主席姚祖輝先生、校長鄭國漢教授、各位榮譽院士、嶺南大學同仁和各位嘉賓：

首先衷心感謝嶺南大學向蒲祿祺先生、郭錫志先生、魏明德先生及本人頒授榮譽院士；本人更感到額外榮幸能夠有機會代表其他三位非常傑出的榮譽院士在此致謝辭。

現在，我們四位榮譽院士可以很驕傲地說：「我們正式成為『嶺南人』了！」。嶺南大學雖然在香港不算是一所規模龐大的大學，但「嶺南」二字絕對是在香港以至中國教育發展史上一個響噹噹的品牌！近年來，在姚祖輝主席及鄭國漢校長帶領下，嶺大取得有目共睹的輝煌成就。2021年的泰晤士高等教育大學影響力排名榜上，嶺大於全世界一千多所大學中，被評為「優質教育」第三名。其實這個排名正好充分反映「嶺南人」的其中一個特質：為追求優質教育鍥而不捨。在過去服務嶺大的日子中，我深深感受到無論是教授、各級職員、校友、諮議會成員、校董會成員等「嶺南人」都是默默耕耘，在不同領域為持續提供並提昇優質教育而費煞思量，將學生的福祉放在首位，從不會在教育質素上作絲毫妥協。「嶺南人」亦十分謙厚，樸實無華；就算嶺大有很多個「第一」也不高調宣揚。嶺大在香港眾多大學中有著最深厚的歷史底蘊，也是首屈一指的博雅大學。我們學生入住宿舍的比率冠絕全港，相信受到不少友校同學所欣羨！

今天獲頒授榮譽院士的三位成功人士，包括蒲祿祺先生、郭錫志先生及魏明德先生堪稱「嶺南人」的典範。他們在香港經濟的支柱行業裡，如地產、銀行及金融業的貢獻超著、成就非凡，一直以來都秉持專業精神、深耕細作、實而不華；在工作上不斷追求卓越，成為廣受尊敬的業界翹楚。他們富有國際視野，熱愛香港，積極服務社會，從不望任何回報。在教育、青年工作、保護環境、科技創新、文化藝術等各方面建樹良多！他們樂於扶掖後進，以身作則，是行業內「優質教育」的楷模。正如嶺大一樣，替社會培育優秀人才作出巨大貢獻！

嶺南大學是本人繼香港公開大學（現稱香港都會大學）和香港城市大學後，擔任校董會成員的第三所大學；現在本人亦是香港教育大學的校董會成員。這四所大學各有所長亦各有特色；然而，在服務嶺大校董會的六年內所獲得的滿足感是難以言喻的！其實，在香港不是每所大學的校董會轄下都設有一個專責委員會負責學生的就業發展。筆者有幸曾經擔任嶺大校董會轄下就業發展委員會的主席，替同學的就業發展做少少事情。當見到嶺大同學們無論在面試機會、就業率、薪金及事業發展各方面都有理想結果時，我更深深感受到「嶺南人」上下一心所帶來的豐碩成果。我常常對同學說：「如果你們對嶺大有一點點感恩之心，謹記在畢業後的將來，若收到嶺南大學要求幫助時，切勿說『不』」。我更深信，「嶺南人」互助互勉，無分彼我、團結一致、砥礪奮進的精神必定會代代相傳，發揚光大！

今年適逢嶺南大學在香港復校55週年，我謹代表三位榮譽院士衷心祝願嶺大發展蒸蒸日上，校譽日隆，源源不絕地培育社稷棟樑，勇於肩擔中華民族偉大復興的光榮任務！最後，特別感謝在座各位貴賓及「嶺南人」的蒞臨，並祝大家工作順利、生活愉快、身心康泰！

多謝！