

DOCTOR OF LAWS *honoris causa*

The Honorable

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Citation

The Honorable Charles Lee Yeh-kwong was once asked how he would like Hong Kong people to remember him in the years to come. He humbly replied that he didn't care if his name would stay on in history; rather, he would feel most proud if his dedication to public service would inspire future generations to serve the public themselves.

Mr Lee was born in Shanghai in 1936 and moved to Hong Kong with his family in 1949. Upon graduation from Wah Yan College he became a certified accountant. He then turned to study law and obtained a master's degree in law from the University of London. He co-founded Woo, Kwan, Lee & Lo, now one of Hong Kong's top solicitors' firms.

Mr Lee has indeed a long and outstanding track record in public service. As Secretary to the Law Revision Commission from 1968 to 1973, he helped bring about the enactment of the *Securities Ordinance* and substantial amendments to the *Companies Ordinance*. His directorship of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Council after the 1987 stock market crash kicked off a new era for the institution. As Chairman, he oversaw a series of reforms: trading was modernized, listing requirements tightened, disclosure standards improved. He played a key role in bringing mainland companies into Hong Kong's stock market in the early 1990s.

One of his recent achievements was guiding the formation of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, which was completed in March 2000. As Chairman of this organization, Mr Lee has great plans to position Hong Kong as an integral part of global finance. He has already succeeded with the first step—to make Exchanges and Clearing a listed company accountable to shareholders, market participants, and public investors.

Perhaps the most notable example of Mr Lee's public service record is his appointment as Chairman of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority since 1998. Mr Lee is now devoting most of his energy to MPF in the run-up to its implementation. It is worth mentioning that Mr Lee accepts no pay for these public duties. In fact, his commitment to volunteerism took root when he, as a young man, performed volunteer work in Hong Kong's slums.

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讚辭

曾有人問李業廣議員，希望日後香港人如何懷念他。李議員答道：他不介意自己會否名留青史，但願服務大眾的熱誠能夠啟發後代貢獻社群，就會感到欣慰和自豪。

李議員於1936年出生於上海，49年隨家人移居香港，就讀於華仁書院；畢業後成為合格會計師，後轉研法律，並獲倫敦大學頒授法律碩士學位。他是香港胡關李羅律師行的創辦人之一。

李議員投身公職熱心不懈，成績斐然。在1968至73年間，他擔任公司法檢討委員會秘書，為制訂證券法及大幅修改公司法出過不少力。他於1987年股災後成為香港聯合交易所理事，並於92至94年擔任主席，將聯交所帶進新紀元。在任內主導了一系列改革，令交易現代化、上市條件收緊、發放資料的規格得以改良。內地國企於九十年代初期登陸香港股票市場，他是促成其事的功臣。

李議員近年建樹之一，是引導香港交易及結算所有有限公司的成立。新交易所於2000年3月啟用後，李議員作為它的主席，擘劃了鴻圖大計，要與世界市場接軌，令香港成為環球金融體系的重要成員。他已經成功邁出了第一步——把交易及結算所上市掛牌，此後必須對持股人、市場參與者及公眾投資者負責。

李議員的公職紀錄中，也許以1998年獲委任為強制性公積金計劃董事會主席最廣為人知。強積金計劃實施在即，目前李議員正為此投入了大量心力。尤其值得一提的是，李議員並沒有為此等公職收受任何酬金。他對志願工作的熱忱，早紮根於年輕時在香港貧民區當義工的體驗。

Mr Lee has also undertaken other public duties. He has been a member of the HKSAR Executive Council since 1997 and member of the Equal Opportunities Commission of Hong Kong since 1996. In the 1990s Mr Lee took an active role in the Community Chest, and remains a vice-patron. He has also been on the councils of two local universities, one of which is HKUST.

In his private career, Mr Lee has been a financial and legal mentor to some of Hong Kong's corporate legends. In the 1970s he helped companies such as Cheung Kong, Sun Hung Kai Properties and New World launch their stock flotations. For years he was on the boards of more than 20 listed companies, just as some of them burgeoned into multinational giants. He resigned from all these posts when he became an Executive Councilor.

Mr Lee is a role model of looking beyond personal profits and serving society untiringly.

Mr Pro-Chancellor, I have the honor to present to you, on behalf of the University, The Honorable Charles Lee Yeh-kwong, Chairman of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and Chairman of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority, for the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.

Read by Prof Po Lock YUE.

李議員雖然公職繁忙，仍積極參與社會服務。他自1997年起獲委任為香港特別行政區行政會議成員；又從1996年至今擔任香港平等機會委員會委員。從95年起，李議員活躍於公益金事務，現在仍為公益金副贊助人。他亦是本港兩間大學——包括科大在內——的校董會成員。

在個人事業方面，李議員曾是香港數家傳奇企業的財務及法律顧問。他於七十年代協助長江實業、新鴻基地產及新世界集團上市，亦曾擔任超過20間上市公司的長期董事，目睹了其中一些公司茁長成為跨國企業。在履任行政會議成員後，他辭去了所有私人董事職務。

李議員實在是不圖於私利、孜孜不倦、服務社群的好榜樣！

副監督先生，本人謹代表香港科技大學，恭請閣下向香港交易及結算所有限公司主席及香港強制性公積金計劃董事會主席李業廣議員頒授法學榮譽博士學位。