

**Honorary Fellow - Citation**  
**Mrs. Mona LEONG Wong Man-Suen**

Well-known for her extensive contribution to the community, Mrs. Mona Leong Wong Man-Suen has, for some four decades, worked zealously to further the welfare for the young, the poor and the underprivileged in Hong Kong. Her dedication to serving others has not gone unnoticed. As early as 1969, in recognition of her remarkable service, Mrs. Leong was named Justice of the Peace. Ten years later (1979), she was awarded an MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire). Most recently, in 1999, she received a Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS).

Mrs. Leong was educated at Ying Wa Girls' College and at Sacred Heart School. After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Science at the University of Hong Kong, she went overseas to study at the University of London, where she obtained her Master's degree in Science.

More time would be needed than is available today to fully detail Mrs. Leong's distinguished career so far, especially the roles she has played in various social service organizations in Hong Kong. To provide a brief summary, perhaps we should begin with her work as President of the Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), a position she has held since 1996. The services provided by the YWCA are, of course, multi-faceted and its role in the community is well known. As President, Mrs. Leong has set out to successfully achieve two goals she sees as paramount: (1) helping unfortunate women, including those who are abused or depressed, and new immigrants, to find solutions to their difficult circumstances and guide them to learn to live a more productive, fulfilling and independent life; and (2) counseling juvenile delinquents, many of whom are problem children, giving them a sense of responsibility and self-worth, and teaching them the importance of becoming self-reliant and law-abiding citizens. Though much has been achieved, Mrs. Leong continues to work towards these two goals as Hong Kong confronts uncertainty and rapid social changes.

Mrs. Leong showed her administrative acumen when, in 2000, she restructured the YWCA. The organization was re-organized to re-focus on its essential roles and functions, to raise the efficiency of its administration, and to promote the core vision of service for youth, women and Christianity. Mrs. Leong introduced these changes to enable the YWCA to face to the challenges of the twenty-first century. Indeed, in the

past few years, the effectiveness of her reforms has been seen in the way YWCA manages to effectively deal with the demands, placed upon the organization by the Hong Kong Government as well as the general public, for ever higher levels of staff performance and greater accountability in the use of funding and resources.

Besides tirelessly working to realize the YWCA's mission, Mrs. Leong has also devoted much time and energy to managing several educational institutions. She has been Hon. Vice President and Council Member of the Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club since 1976. Among the most memorable things she has done in this capacity was her involvement in the founding of the Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club College in 1978. The College, of which she was the Supervisor, from 1978 to 2002, began with only Band Five students, and now it is a full-sized secondary school with approximately 1,100 students, all belonging to Band One. She is also the School Manager of the Fung Yiu King Secondary School and of the Hioe Tjo Yoeng Primary School, both of which are under the jurisdiction of the Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club.

Then for some 34 years, Mrs. Leong has been an active member of Hong Kong Red Cross. She was Assistant Director until 2002. Her most outstanding achievement was her supervision of Princess Alexandra Red Cross Residential School from 1968 to 2002 — Princess Alexandra Red Cross Residential School is a school for handicapped children. In the late 1970s, she oversaw its expansion, including negotiating with the Hong Kong Government for a new campus. Over the years, she also donated equipment, provided subsidies for needy students and organized a wide range of activities for the School. As School Manager of the Red Cross Management Committee, she also contributed enormously to two other schools, namely the John F. Kennedy Centre and the Margaret Trench Red Cross School. She was also a founder and is now an advisor to the Chatteris Educational Foundation. All in all, her work for the various schools — for secondary and primary students, and for the handicapped — demonstrates her concern for the cultivation of high calibre youths who will eventually serve the Hong Kong community.

A lover of classical music, Mrs. Leong has long been aware of the need to enhance the cultural life of Hong Kong, and she seeks actively to give more variety and diversity to it, especially in the field of the arts. She worked relentlessly to promote the Hong Kong Arts Festivals and served as its Chairman and Executive Committee member during a ten-year period from 1994 to 2003. During her tenure as Chairman, she re-organized the Executive Committee to improve its efficiency and governance.

Since resigning as Chairman in 2003, she has continued to act in her capacity as Advisor to the Festival. She has personally witnessed – and helped instill – a greater readiness in the local community to accept and appreciate the arts. She has also seen the emergence of higher quality foreign and local programmes.

Other notable examples of Mrs. Leong's involvement in Hong Kong community include service in charitable organizations like the Po Leung Kuk, the Girl Guide, the Juvenile Care Centre, the Hong Kong Association of University Women, of which she was a founder. She was also Chairman of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children's Ladies Committee as well as a member of its Council.

Mrs. Leong is also a friend of Lingnan University. She is full of praise for the liberal arts goals of the University; and she is also sympathetic towards the difficulties the University has faced in the past few years. We must not forget to mention the Leong family's remarkable generosity, as demonstrated last year during our Fundraising Campaign. For their kind support, the University remains deeply thankful.

Mr. Chairman, for her active participation in community work across so many sectors of Hong Kong, for her promotion of the Christian ideal of life and service to the needy, and for her support of the University's mission, may I present Mrs. Leong for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of Lingnan University.

## 榮譽院士贊辭 梁黃文璿女士

梁黃文璿女士四十多年來一直熱心社會公益事務，造福香港年青人、貧苦大眾及弱勢社群，其事跡廣為人知。梁女士服務他人的奉獻精神早已有目共睹。早於 1969 年，梁女士已獲封為太平紳士，以表揚她傑出的社會服務成就；十年後（1979 年），她又獲頒英帝國員佐勳章（MBE）；她於 1999 年更獲頒授銅紫荊星章（BBS）。

梁女士肆學於英華女書院及聖心中學，於香港大學考取理學士學位後，負笈英國倫敦大學繼續升學，獲理學碩士學位。

若要詳述梁女士的非凡成就，特別是她不同社會服務團體所擔當的職務，其所需要的時間實非今天的頒授儀式所能容許。也許，我們可以從她擔任香港基督教女青年會（YWCA）會長一職說起。自 1996 年起，梁女士已擔任該職務。香港基督教女青年會的社會角色固然人所共知，其所提供的服務亦多元化，但梁女士當會長時仍然努力不懈，成功地達到兩個她認為是最重要的目標：（1）幫助弱勢女性（包括受虐或抑鬱的婦女，以及新來港婦女），協助她們解決困境，過獨立、自足和具意義的生活；（2）教育青少年，當中許多是問題兒童，培育他們負責、守法的精神，和推動他們自我改進，成為良好公民。對梁女士來說，這些都是她長期秉持的兩大工作目標，因為香港社會正面臨不確定和急劇轉變的環境，所做的事情雖然已經很多，但仍然不足。

梁女士在行政方面的睿智，在 2000 年她重組香港基督教女青年會時表露無遺。她著力重新聚焦於該團體的根本職能，致力提升其行政效率，並以服務青少年和婦女以及宣揚基督教為其核心理念。梁女士所引進的重大改革，旨在令香港基督教女青年會有能力面對廿一世紀的挑戰。事實上，在過去數年，香港政府及大眾期望該團體員工作出更高水準表現及更為善用經費和資源，而香港基督教女青年會均能一一做到，可見梁女士所倡導的改革已漸見成效。

除了努力不倦地實踐香港基督教女青年會的服務使命外，梁女士亦獻出許多時間與精力去管理數間教育機構。自 1976 年起，她

一直是香港中國婦女會的名譽副會長及委員。在梁女士出任該職務期間，其中最令人難忘的功績之一，是她在 1978 年參與創辦香港中國婦女會中學。梁女士由 1978 至 2002 年期間出任該校校監，而該校亦由最初只能招收第五組別學生，到現在已是一所完備的中學，全校約有學生 1,100 名，全屬第一組別學生。梁女士亦為香港中國婦女會轄下馮堯敬紀念中學及丘佐榮學校的校監。

此外，梁女士過去三十四年來一直是香港紅十字會的活躍會員，並擔任該會副總監一職至 2002 年。期間，她最卓越的成就，是她一直積極參與管理專為弱能兒童而設的雅麗珊郡主紅十字會學校，由 1968 至 2002 年期間出任該校校監。於七十年代末期，她負責該校的擴建工作，其中包括跟政府協商為新校舍尋找適合的校址。多年來，她更向該校捐贈所需器材，資助貧苦學生，並籌辦各種各樣的課外活動。

作為紅十字會學校管理委員會的委員，梁女士對其屬下兩所學校，即甘乃迪中心及瑪嘉烈戴麟趾紅十字會學校亦貢獻良多。此外，她是 CHATTERIS 教育基金創辦人之一和現任顧問。總的說來，梁女士為各所學校所做的一切——無論是中、小學生抑或弱能兒童——均顯出她對培育能回饋社會的年輕人才的關注。

梁女士乃古典音樂愛好者，很早便意識到需要提升香港的文化生活，故一向致力促進香港文化生活的種類與多樣性，尤其是在藝術領域方面。從 1994 至 2003 年她出任香港藝術節協會主席及執行委員的十年期間，她不遺餘力地推廣藝術節。她出任主席期間，更成功地重組該會的執行委員會，提升其效率和管治。自 2003 年她辭去主席一職後，她仍繼續擔任香港藝術節顧問。梁女士不但見證了，並協助推動本地社會逐步接受藝術文化，以及逐步提升欣賞藝術的能力，同時亦看到了不少高質素的本地及外國藝術表演節目的崛興。

梁女士其他造福社會的重要事項還包括服務慈善團體，例如保良局、女童軍會、青少年培育會，以及她參與創辦的大學婦女香港協會。她也是香港保護兒童會婦女委員會主席以及理事會委員。

梁女士更是嶺南大學之友。她高度讚揚嶺大博雅教育的宗旨，並對大學過去數年面對的困難感同身受。我們更不能不提梁女士及其家人在去年進行籌款活動時的慷慨資助。對於梁女士及其家人

的大力支持，大學衷心感激。

主席先生，基於梁女士積極參與廣泛社區工作，造福社會，致力推廣基督徒乃役於人的服務典範，以及對嶺大履行博雅教育使命的無限支持，本人謹恭請閣下頒授嶺南大學榮譽院士銜予梁黃文璿女士。