

Honorary Fellow – Citation

Mr Shih Wing-ching

Mr Shih Wing-ching, whose ancestral hometown is Ningbo in Zhejiang Province, was born in Shanghai and moved to Hong Kong at an early age. While at school, he was already much concerned about society and people's livelihood, and was suspended from school for participating in labour rights protection movements. After graduating from secondary school, he taught at an evening school for workers for eight consecutive years, helping dropout workers acquire cultural knowledge.

In 1978, Mr Shih set up Centaline Property Agency Limited with his classmates, which has been serving Hong Kong for over thirty years. Centaline was the first company offering consumers property information via the internet and electronic maps, which greatly increased market transparency. To date, Centaline has over 20,000 employees working in 30 cities on the Mainland.

Mr Shih is hardworking, open-minded and uniquely insightful. He follows Laozi's philosophy of managing without intervention, allowing his employees to develop and work on their own ideas. This way, they work happily with high motivation and creativity as well as a sense of responsibility. All his businesses operate in this way, and grow naturally under a self-organized mode.

While engaged in the business sector, Mr Shih still cares about the community. In his spare time, he often hosts radio programmes and writes newspaper columns, commenting on current affairs such as the integration between Mainland China and Hong Kong, personal finance, land policies and management philosophy. Over the years, Mr Shih has published

thousands of articles, which have been collected and published in books welcomed by general readers. He can be veritably called an eloquent pen in the business world of Hong Kong.

Mr Shih established a free newspaper named *am730* in 2005, and shares his own experiences and opinions with readers in a daily column “C View”. *am730* is honest and neutral, becoming a fresh spring among local newspapers. Its daily circulation is currently 380,000 copies, which makes it the fourth most popular newspaper in Hong Kong.

In spite of his tight schedule, Mr Shih still participates actively in public welfare. He has taken part in poverty-fighting and education development programmes by Oxfam Hong Kong and Sowers Action. Apart from donating money, he also serves on Sowers Action’s Council to the Board. In 2008, Mr Shih donated all his shares in Centaline Group to his charitable “Shih Wing-ching Foundation” to support the farming population in Mainland China. Current projects are being undertaken in provinces like Qinghai, Gansu, Yunnan and Sichuan. Mr Shih has also served in various public positions, including as a member of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Advisory Committee, Hospital Governing Committee, Estate Agents Authority and Task Force on Economic Challenges. He is currently a member of the Commission on Strategic Development and Chairman of the Board of Governors of Hong Kong Sinfonietta, and is a Justice of the Peace (JP).

Mr Shih is an extraordinary business talent as well as a philanthropist who has made enormous contributions to Hong Kong and Mainland China over the years. He is a model for Hong Kong leaders. Mr Chairman, may I now present to you Mr Shih Wing-ching for the conferment of an honorary fellowship.

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施永青祖籍浙江寧波，出生於上海，年幼時定居香港。求學時期，施先生已十分關心社會民生，曾因參與工人維權活動而遭學校開除。中學畢業後，施先生曾連續八年在工人夜校教書，協助失學工人掌握文化知識。

1978 年，施永青與同學一起創立了中原地產代理公司，幾十年來，風雨無間地服務社會。中原是首間利用互聯網及電子地圖向消費者提供地產訊息的公司，大大提高了市場的透明度。現時，中原的業務已遍布內地三十個城市，共聘請二萬多名員工。

施先生為人拚搏豁達，特立獨行。他奉行一套道法自然“無為而治”的老子哲學，在公司內讓員工的自由意志得以充分發揮，員工心情舒暢，積極性與創意都非常高，而且勇於承擔責任。施先生名下的業務，都是靠這種自組模式，自發互適地發展起來的。

從商後，施先生依然關心社會，工餘經常在電台主持節目及在報章上撰寫專欄，月旦時事，範圍涉及中港融合、個人理財、土地政策、管理哲學等。多年來施先生發表的文章數以千計，並多次結集出版，廣受讀者歡迎。施先生堪稱是香港商界一枝健筆。

2005 年，施先生創辦免費報《am730》，並每天在「C 觀點」專欄與讀者分享自己的經驗與看法，真情敢言，別有見地。《am730》正派、平實，為香港報界一股清流。現每日發行三十八萬份，為全港讀者第四多的報紙。

施先生日理萬機，仍經常參與公益事務。他曾先後參與過香港樂施會與苗圃行動的扶貧與助學工作，除捐錢外，還參加理事會工作。2008年，施先生把名下中原集團的股份，全數捐予專作慈善的「施永青基金」，以資助內地農村。目前青海、甘肅、雲南、四川等地都有項目。施先生又出任多項公職，包括廉政公署諮詢委員會成員、醫院管治委員會成員，地產代理監管局成員，以及經濟機遇委員會成員。施先生現任策略發展委員會成員、香港小交響樂團監察委員會主席及香港太平紳士。

施永青是商業奇才，為人樂善好施，多年來致力為香港及內地服務，貢獻良多，是香港社會領袖的表率。主席先生，本人謹恭請閣下頒授榮譽院士銜予施永青先生。

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