


Mr. David Ho Tzu-cho
Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*


Citation

Mr. David Ho Tzu-cho is the former Executive Director of Hang Seng Bank. He is now Chairman of Bethlehem Management Limited, and The S. H. Ho Foundation Limited, and F. & D. Foundation Limited. Holding several prestigious positions, Mr. Ho is a magnanimous entrepreneur, a banker, an enthusiastic philanthropist, and an educator with a wide vision. He has been making tremendous contributions to various quarters of the community. Mr. Ho is most deserving in receiving the honour to be bestowed on him today.

Mr. Ho was born in 1922 in Hong Kong of the original ancestry in Panyu of Guangdong. Mr. Ho graduated from Pui Ching Middle School in 1941. In 1942, he studied at Lingnan University in the north of Guangdong majoring in Economics, and graduated at Yenching University, Beijing, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1947. He then went overseas to pursue a master degree in economics in the Catholic University in Washington D.C., U.S.A.

Mr. Ho started his career as a businessman in the United States and later in Thailand. He returned to Hong Kong in 1957 and joined Hang Seng Bank. Mr. Ho has a meticulous mind and excellent entrepreneurship, and under his leadership, Hang Seng Bank made tremendous headway and became the biggest bank of Chinese ownership in Hong Kong in the sixties and seventies. As from the eighties, Mr. Ho has assumed the leadership of his family business, the Bethlehem Management Limited. Again, because of Mr. Ho's unmatched entrepreneurship, the Company's business flourished, and this further proved Mr. Ho's ingenuity in doing business. Indeed, Mr. Ho's management principle is inherited from his father, the late Dr. Ho Sin Hang who placed great emphasis on training and education of employees in the Company. The employees are encouraged to practise what is taught in Dr. Ho's book *A Narrative in Sharing the Experience in the World*, which teaches people the proper ways to treat one another. For his broad-mindedness and honesty, Mr. Ho won the praise of those who had worked with him.

Mr. Ho inherits from his father the vision to donate generously in worthy causes. Not only that he is the Chairman of The S. H. Ho Foundation Limited and F. & D. Foundation Limited, he is also Deputy Patron of the Community Chest in Hong Kong. Mr. Ho organised many successful fundraising campaigns, the proceeds of which benefited various sectors of the community. For his tireless efforts in promoting social welfare, projects like the Multi-purpose Hall of the Breakthrough Youth Village, the SAGE Madam Ho Sin Hang Home for the Elderly were completed with his donations.

We should record our appreciation of Mr. Ho's tremendous contributions to the medical service in Hong Kong. With a deep understanding of the close connection between a well developed medical service and a regional social welfare system including the well-being of people, he gave generously to the development of medical service. Many projects including

the Medical Student Hostels of the University of Hong Kong, the Chinese Medicinal Laboratory of Baptist University, the Neurology Centre of the Guangzhou Medical College and the Medical School of the Zhongshan University have been completed with the donations of the Foundations under Mr. Ho's Chairmanship. In addition, Mr. Ho put in time and effort to assist in the purchase of additional medical equipment for the Beijing Medical School, to help the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine to offer research courses, and to make donations to the Guangzhou Kor Lun Trust. All these worthy acts are most beneficial to the welfare of the communities concerned.

On top of the above, Mr. Ho lays great emphasis on education and continues the grand vision of his father to educate the people and to further the development of the country. He has participated in many large-scale fundraising exercises in Hong Kong and the region. Many educational institutions and organisations in Hong Kong and Chinese Mainland are recipients of his generosity. They include the China Ho Leung Ho Lee Trust, Tsinghua University, Guangzhou South China Agricultural University, Zhongshan University, Guangzhou Pui Ching Business School, Buddhist Sin Tak English Secondary School, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong Baptist University, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Lingnan University. His donations have been used for construction of campuses and for teaching and research. Education for people is essential for the development of a community, and Mr. Ho's generous donations towards the development of education demonstrate his vision in education.

Mr. Ho has four children. Under his careful nurturing, they grew up with good education and became successful professionals in fields of medicine, finance and business. His children's achievements show the outcome of the importance Mr. Ho lays on education.

As a "Red Grey" Lingnanian, Mr. Ho has a deep affection towards his alma mater, Lingnan University. He has particular concern for Lingnan and gives valuable assistance during its development. During the period of 1962 to 1981, Mr. Ho served as a trustee on the School Board of Lingnan Middle School and a member of the Board of Governors of Lingnan College. Since the establishment of Lingnan Education Organization Limited, Mr. Ho has held several positions including the Chairmanship of the Organization. In 1995, Lingnan College moved to its new campus at Tuen Mun. Knowing that Lingnan College needed funds for the development of its new campus, Mr. Ho, without reservation, donated \$15 million from The S. H. Ho Foundation Limited to the College for the development of its new campus. In 1998 and 1999, Mr. Ho donated \$1 million and \$8.5 million respectively to the Lingnan Education Organization Limited. Mr. Ho's acts vividly demonstrate his deep affection and gratitude to his alma mater, and establish a role model for other Lingnanians.

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Ho is an enthusiastic philanthropist with very high moral standard and commands great respect from the community. In particular he has a deep affection towards Lingnan. May I now present Mr. David Ho Tzu-cho to you for the award of the degree of Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*.

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贊辭

何子焯先生為前恆生銀行董事，現任伯利衡投資管理有限公司主席，又為何善衡慈善基金會及焯衡慈善基金會主席。先生身兼多職，既是氣度寬宏的企業家、銀行家，也是熱心公益的慈善家、視野廣闊的教育家。他對社會各方面都作出了極重要的貢獻。今天接受表揚，的確實至名歸。

何子焯先生祖籍廣東番禺，一九二二年生於香港。四一年畢業於香港培正中學，四二年入讀粵北之嶺南大學，主修經濟，四七年於燕京大學取得文學士學位。之後負笈美國，於華盛頓天主教大學修讀經濟學碩士課程。

子焯先生先後在美國和泰國從商，一九五七年返港，加入恆生銀行工作。先生處事周密，長袖善舞，在他的領導之下，恆生銀行發展一日千里，六、七十年代成為最具規模的華資銀行。先生於八十年代中期起肩擔其家族事業伯利衡投資管理有限公司之掌舵人之職，同樣運籌帷幄，公司業務得以蒸蒸日上，這都是先生長於營商的有力證明。子焯先生秉承其先父何善衡博士的管理方針，重視員工的培訓和教育，鼓勵他們踐行何善衡博士所著《閱世淺談》的待人處世之道。先生襟度豁如，古道照人，從其事者無不稱譽。

子焯先生克承父志，樂善好施。他不但是何善衡慈善基金會及焯衡慈善基金會主席，也是公益金副贊助人。由他策劃的捐助計劃多不勝數，受患者遍佈社會各階層。先生熱心社會福利建設，突破青年村綜合社堂、耆康會何善衡夫人敬老院之興建，端賴先生之助，方得以完成。

子焯先生在醫療方面作出了巨大的貢獻，同樣值得我們稱道。先生宅心仁厚，深明醫療發展與地區福利，以至人類福祉息息相關，故大力支持有關發展。由先生轄下慈善基金資助興建之項目甚多，包括香港大學醫學院學生宿舍、浸會大學中藥實驗室、廣州醫學院腦科中心、中山醫科大學醫院。子焯先生又為北京醫學院添置儀器，支持香港醫學專科學院開設研究課程，捐助廣東柯麟基金，事事盡心盡力。凡此總總，足見其造福社群，功德昭著。

此外，子焯先生非常重視國民教育，為貫徹其父生前育才興邦的宏願。他參與多項與教育有關的大型捐助計劃，受惠之院校和機構遍及本港和內地，包括中國何梁何利基金、清華大學、廣州華南農業大學、中山大學、廣州培正商學院、佛教善德英文中學、香港科技大學、香港浸會大學、香港中文大學、嶺南大學等等。捐款分別用於興建校舍和資助教研。人才培訓是社會發展的重要基石，先生慷慨捐助教育發展，其高瞻遠矚，於此可見一斑。

子焯先生之重視教育，亦充分反映在其子女身上。經先生悉心培育，其四位公子千金，皆學有所專，分別於醫療界、財經界及商界有所成就，令人欣羨。

作為紅灰子弟，子焯先生熱愛母校，處處關心嶺南的發展，並多所出力。於六二至八一年間，先生歷任嶺南中學和嶺南學院校董。嶺南教育機構成立後，先生亦曾出任主席。九五年嶺南學院由司徒拔道遷至屯門，當時學院財政緊絀，先生雪中送炭，毫不猶疑地從何善衡慈善基金撥捐一千五百萬元以助興建校舍，又分別於九八及九九年惠捐一百萬元及八百五十萬元予嶺南教育機構。子焯先生回饋母校，不遺餘力，高情厚義，不愧為嶺南人之典範。

主席先生，何子焯先生樂善好施，德望俱尊，功在社會，情繫嶺南。我懷著尊敬而又興奮的心情，恭請主席頒授予何子焯先生榮譽社會科學博士學位。