

# **Mr Lee Ming-kwai, GBS**

## **Honorary Fellow**

### **Address**

Dear Mr Andrew Yao, Chairman of the Council, Professor Leonard K Cheng, President of Lingnan University, Honorary Doctorates, Honorary Fellows, Lingnanians and distinguished guests,

It is a great honour to receive this honorary fellowship from Lingnan University today. It gives me even greater pleasure to give the thank-you remarks at this Conferment Ceremony on behalf of my fellow awardees Mr Leong Cheung, Mrs Loretta Shuen Leung Lai-sheung and Ms Jessie Yu Sau-chu.

University education plays a vital role in the contemporary world. Each year, a large number of university graduates join Hong Kong's work force and devote themselves to serving society. One of the longest-established universities in Hong Kong, Lingnan has played a major role in cultivating talent for Hong Kong, Mainland China and other parts of the world. As a liberal arts university, Lingnan not only imparts knowledge and skills to its students but also trains their critical-thinking and analytical abilities. Over the past 53 years, Lingnan has provided talented and hardworking graduates to various industries in Hong Kong, in keeping with its school motto, "Education for Service".

One of the important but often overlooked roles of the modern university is to cultivate talent for the benefit of society. While there are many ways to contribute, the most rewarding is often by actively giving back to the community. Hong Kong is blessed with a tremendous number of individuals who have the knowledge, experience, enthusiasm and willingness to do so. For instance, many university alumni, philanthropists and faculty members are on university councils in Hong Kong. Regarding the individuals upon whom the Honorary Fellowship is being conferred, Mr Leong Cheung and Mrs Loretta Shuen Leung Lai-sheung have served on Lingnan University's Council over the years, in addition to their own professional work and public service aiding different social groups. Their participation in the strategic planning of Lingnan's development has been a significant addition to the school. Ms Jessie Yu Sau-chu is revered for combining expertise and generosity in her role as the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Single Parents Association, where she dedicates herself to helping disadvantaged communities in Hong Kong. The Honorary Fellowship is a well-deserved honour for these three individuals. As for me, I have been focusing on volunteer work since retirement in an effort to repay all that Hong Kong has given to me. I feel deeply grateful to be awarded the Honorary Fellowship by Lingnan University today.

A successful university education is not complete without proper teaching objectives, distinguished faculty, dedicated staff, and hardworking and motivated students, as well as firm support from society. The intricacies of Hong Kong's present social and political situation have drawn attention to the education of the younger generation. The education sector, including universities,

is confronted with pressure and challenges as a result. Lingnan is, of course, no exception. Yet I am confident that, with the team effort of the Chairman and members of the Council, faculty, staff, students and alumni, Lingnan will continue to grow and strive to fulfil its guiding motto of “Education for Service”.

On behalf of the awardees of the Honorary Fellowship today, I would like to thank Lingnan University again for its encouragement and inspiration. We will endeavour to reciprocate your support. I wish Lingnan University the very best in its steady growth and cultivation of talents to meet the needs of Hong Kong society.

Thank you, everyone.

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## 謝辭

校董會主席姚祖輝先生、校長鄭國漢教授、各位榮譽博士、榮譽院士、各位嶺南人、各位嘉賓：

今天，我很榮幸獲得嶺南大學頒授榮譽院士名銜。而令我倍感榮幸的是能夠代表同時獲得榮譽院士銜的張亮先生、孫梁勵常女士和余秀珠女士，在頒授典禮上向大家致謝辭。

大學教育是現代社會體系中最重要的一環，每年香港職場上許多生力軍，都是完成大學教育後投身社會。嶺南大學是香港歷史悠久的大學之一，一直以來為香港、內地以至世界其他地方培育不少人才。作為一所博雅大學，嶺大不單向學生灌輸知識和技能，更致力培育他們的獨立思考和分析能力。在過去53年，嶺大為香港各行各業栽培了不少人才，充分發揮嶺南大學校訓「作育英才，服務社會」的精神。

大學培育人才，人才造福社會，是一個合理的期望。然而，造福社會有許多途徑和方法，當中以回饋社會最為人所推崇。在香港，有知識、經驗、熱忱，而又願意回饋社會的人為數不少，例如香港多所大學的校董，不少均是願意回饋母校的校友、社會熱心人士和大學的教職員。又例如今天獲頒授榮譽院士的人士中，張亮先生和孫梁勵常女士多年來除本身的專業工作和服務社會團體的公職外，亦同時出任嶺大校董會的成員，為嶺大的發展出謀劃策，貢獻良多。而余秀珠女士更是以專業服務積極回饋社會，她身為香港單親協會的總幹事，以個人奮鬥的經驗和專業知識，竭力協助香港的弱勢社群，備受嘉許。三位今天獲頒榮譽院士銜，可以說是實至名歸。而我在退休後亦以義務工作為主，藉以回饋香港社會，今日能夠獲嶺大頒授榮譽院士這一殊榮，實在感激萬分。

成功的大學教育需要有正確的教學宗旨、優秀並盡責的教職人員、勤奮上進的學生，再配合有力的社會支持。當前香港的社會及政治情況複雜，因此對年青一代的培育尤其受到社會關注，教育界包括大學面對不少壓力和挑戰，嶺大當然亦不例外。但我有信心在校董會主席及校董會成員、教職人員、學生及校友的團結和努力下，嶺大定可持續發展，緊守校訓的精神，作育英才，服務社會。

最後，我謹代表今天獲頒授榮譽院士的人士，再次感謝嶺南大學給我們的鼓勵和啟發，我們定必竭力回饋。祝願嶺南大學穩步發展，培育更多社會需要的人才。

謝謝各位。