

Mr Rex Auyeung Pak-kuen, JP

Doctor of Business Administration *honoris causa*

Citation

Mr Rex Auyeung Pak-kuen is the youngest of seven children from an ordinary Hong Kong family. He studied at Ying Wa College and later in Canada where he obtained a Bachelor of Environmental Studies (Urban and Regional Planning) Honours Degree from the University of Waterloo in 1977. Despite not being the studious type, the young Mr Auyeung was determined to succeed because he wanted to live up to his family's expectation for him to make a contribution. It was to make a contribution that he got an education. "What I don't know today I learn, and I will know it tomorrow" was his motto. His career in the insurance industry began when he was a teenager with a summer job in 1971. After graduating, he became a management trainee at Aetna Canada, where he worked late many nights, going over everything he had already done that day to make sure that he understood it all. His determination to get to the bottom of things made Mr Auyeung ask questions, do research, and read up on whatever he did not understand.

In 1993 Mr Auyeung returned to Hong Kong as Vice President, Group Insurance, for American International Assurance, overseeing group operations in Southeast Asia. In 1994 he joined Principal Financial Group Inc, where he was responsible for the firm's businesses in India, China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and also its subsidiaries in Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand. Mr Auyeung was an industry leader in the insurance field until his retirement in 2017 as Chairman of the Principal Financial Group - Asia, a FORTUNE 500 company. He is currently independent non-executive director of the China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited, Advisor of the Nippon Life Asia Pacific (Regional HQ) Pte Ltd and non-executive Chairman of the MTR Corporation Limited.

Mr Auyeung feels blessed for having the chance to put his formidable talents to work in public service. He particularly wants to serve young people and the elderly, as demonstrated by his dedication to higher education and retirement planning. His long resume of public service starts shortly after his return to Hong Kong in the early 1990s. In higher education, he has served as council and court member of the City University of Hong Kong and its Finance Committee and Trustee Committee, and chaired its Investment Sub-committee. He was a member of the Investment Committee of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Chairman of Lingnan University's Council, and was a member of the Advisory Board of the Department of Finance of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

In retirement planning, he has served on the Board of Directors of the Investor and Financial Education Council under the Securities and Futures Commission, and as Deputy Chairman of the Retirement Scheme Sub-committee of the Life Insurance Council of the Hong Kong Federation of Insurers. He has also been Co-chairman of the Corporate and Employee Contribution Programme Organising Committee, a member of the Campaign Committee and the Investment Sub-committee of the Community Chest of Hong Kong, Chairman of the Hong Kong Strategy for Financial Literacy Sub-Committee on Stakeholder Coordination and Collaboration, and a member of the Hong Kong Strategy for Financial Literacy Steering Committee, amongst others. He is also a board member of the Bo Charity Foundation (Food Angel) and a convenor of the Jockey Club Community eHealth Care Project. Mr Auyeung has been on the Public Affairs Forum of the Home Affairs Bureau, HKSAR government, the Independent Review Committee on Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service, and an observer of the Independent Police Complaints Council Observers Scheme.

Mr Auyeung's professionalism throughout his career in the insurance field has much in common with the liberal arts spirit that defines Lingnan. In underwriting, which is Mr Auyeung's expertise, knowing the worst-case scenario prompts one to ask how potential damage could be minimised. Careful listening must precede analysis, because preconceptions get in the way of effective solutions. Mr Auyeung's positive mentality is guided by the conviction that hope is never given by others; we create hope by ourselves. He tries to leave each meeting having learned something new; his mind is always open to fresh ideas. His belief in young people's potential and his gratitude for the elderly's contribution to our society sustain him. We have much to learn from his optimism, and his willingness to listen to diverse opinions and embrace change, all of which society needs to heal and to grow.

Mr Chairman, in recognition of his professional achievements in the insurance sector and contributions to the community in Hong Kong, may I present Mr Rex Auyeung Pak-kuen to you for conferment of the degree of Doctor of Business Administration *honoris causa*.

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贊辭

歐陽伯權先生出身香港的普通家庭，家裏七兄弟姊妹中排行最小。歐陽先生入讀英華書院，畢業後負笈加拿大，1977年在滑鐵盧大學畢業，獲環境研究（城市與區域規劃）榮譽學士學位。歐陽先生雖然謙稱不好學，但年輕時已矢志要做出成績來，以免辜負家人對自己立志貢獻社會的期望。他的座右銘是，「今天不懂，學會了明天就懂。」他就是為了要貢獻社會，努力學習。歐陽先生的保險事業發軔於他在1971年任職的暑期工。大學畢業後，歐陽先生加入加拿大安泰保險公司當行政見習生，每每工作至夜深，把當天的工作複檢，確保自己清楚理解所有細節。歐陽先生鍥而不捨的探究精神，使他在不明白的時候便提問研究並翻查資料。

1993年，歐陽先生回港任美國友邦保險有限公司團體保險部副總裁，負責監督集團在東南亞的運作。1994年，他加入美國信安金融集團，管理集團在印度、中國、香港、馬來西亞及其附屬公司在新加坡、印尼和泰國的業務。歐陽先生一直在保險領域中擔當重要的領導角色，於2017年退休時擔任《財富》世界五百大公司之一的信安金融集團亞洲區主席。歐陽先生目前為中國建設銀行（亞洲）股份有限公司的獨立非執行董事、日本生命保險相互會社（亞太區總部）顧問及香港鐵路有限公司非執行主席。

歐陽先生覺得有機會及能力服務大眾是福氣。他特別希望為年輕人和長者服務，這一點可以從他致力於高等教育和退休計劃上印證。早於九十年代初，歐陽先生回港不久已擔任多項公職。他曾擔任香港城市大學校董會、顧問委員會、財務及信託委員會的成員及其投資委員會主席，亦曾擔任香港理工大學投資委員會成員和嶺南大學校董會主席，此外，他亦為香港科技大學金融系的顧問委員會成員。

退休計劃的相關工作方面，歐陽先生曾擔任的公職包括證監會轄下投資及金融教育局董事局成員、香港保險業聯會人壽保險委員會及退休計劃小組委員會副主席、香港公益金商業及僱員募捐計劃活動統籌委員會聯合主席、籌募委員會及

投資委員會成員、香港金融理財知識和能力策略指導委員會成員及其持份者及合作小組主席、香港策略指導委員會委員。歐陽先生亦為小寶慈善基金（惜食堂）董事局成員及賽馬會「e健樂」電子健康管理計劃召集人；他亦曾是香港特別行政區政府民政事務局的公共事務論壇成員、香港專營巴士服務獨立檢討委員會成員。目前，歐陽先生是獨立監察警方處理投訴委員會觀察員。

歐陽先生在保險業界體現的專業精神，與嶺南大學的博雅人文精神有許多共通之處。歐陽先生擅於風險管理及分析的承保業務，致力將客戶的潛在損失減至最低。分析風險及提出解決方案前，他會先認真聆聽客戶的要求及所需，因為先入為主不能有效解決問題。歐陽先生的人生態度積極正面，深信希望是要由自己創造，不是別人給予。他要求自己每次開會後都學到新東西，不能故步自封。歐陽先生既深信年輕人潛力無限，又感激長者為社會所作的貢獻，因此他永不言倦。歐陽先生的樂觀主義可資我們借鑒，而他樂於聆聽不同的觀點、願意接受改變的態度，正正是幫助現今社會復元和成長的良藥。

主席先生，為表揚歐陽先生在保險專業的成就和對香港社會的貢獻，本人謹恭請閣下頒授榮譽工商管理學博士銜予歐陽伯權先生。

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