On Campus

Honorary Degrees

Dr the Hon Justice Patrick Chan 陳兆憲
Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*
Dr Chan (LLB 1974; PCLL 1975) (3rd right) is one of the three Permanent Judges of the Court of Final Appeal of the Hong Kong SAR. He was the first HKU law graduate to be appointed Chief Judge of the High Court and has made important contributions to the implementation of a bilingual court system in Hong Kong.

Professor Sir Charles Kao 高锟
Doctor of Science *honoris causa*
Renowned as the ‘Father of Fibre Optics’, Sir Charles (4th left) graduated from the University of London in 1957. While working at Standard Telecommunications Laboratories in England, he began his pioneering work in the realisation of fibre optics as a telecommunications medium. Sir Charles was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2009, and a Knighthood from the UK Government in 2010.

Professor John Leong 梁智仁
Doctor of Science *honoris causa*
Professor Leong (MBBS 1965) (4th right), President of the Open University of Hong Kong and, an Emeritus Professor and an Honorary Professor of HKU’s Departments of Orthopaedics & Traumatology and Biochemistry, has been with the University for 38 years, during which time he has served in different positions. He was elected an Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2001.

Dr John Chan 陳祖澤
Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*
Dr Chan (BA 1964; DipManStud 1971) (3rd left) is respected for his lifetime of contributions to many different sectors in Hong Kong: the civil service, commerce, and public and community service. He served as Private Secretary to the Governor from 1973 to 1975, Managing Director of Transport International Holdings and the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, and Chairman of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Dr Christopher Cheng 鄭維志
Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*
Dr Cheng (2nd right), Chairman of Wing Tai Properties Limited and Winsor Properties Holdings Limited, has played an active role in promoting the development of Hong Kong as an international trade, commercial and financial centre, particularly as Chairman of the Governance Committee of Exchange Fund Advisory Committee and former Non-Executive Director of the Securities and Futures Commission.

Dr Jack So 蘇澤光
Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*
Dr So (BA 1969) (2nd left) is Chairman of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and the Film Development Council. He joined the civil service after graduation and has served as Chairman and Chief Executive of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation, and Deputy Chairman and Group Managing Director of PCCW. He is a Member of the Commission on Strategic Development and a Member of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference.

Dr Tin Ka-ping 田家炳
Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*
Dr Tin (5th right), founder of the Tin Ka Ping Foundation, is an ardent advocate and supporter of education. Over 20 Hong Kong schools, 80 universities on the Chinese Mainland, more than 170 secondary and vocation schools, 48 primary schools and kindergartens, 1,450 rural libraries and countless other education facilities on the Mainland have been beneficiaries of his philanthropy.