

### **Dr David Wong Yau-kar *BBS, JP***

Dr David Wong Yau-kar was born in Hong Kong. He obtained his BA in Economics from the University of Wisconsin, and his MA in Economics and his PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago. Dr Wong is currently Managing Director of United Overseas Investments Ltd.

Dr Wong has extensive experience in manufacturing, international trade, corporate finance and policy research. He served as an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, USA from 1987 to 1991. He currently serves on the boards of a number of listed and non-listed companies.

Dr Wong has an extensive record in public service. He holds significant positions in various business and professional organisations. He is a past President of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, and he currently serves as Chairman of the Business & Professionals Federation of Hong Kong, Deputy Chairman of the Hong Kong Institute of Directors, and Vice President of the Hong Kong Professionals & Senior Executives Association. Dr Wong also serves on many government and non-governmental consultative and advisory bodies. He is currently Chairman of the Land & Development Advisory Committee, Chairman of the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund Board as well as a member of the Preparatory Task Force for Economic Development Commission, the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee, and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, among others. Dr Wong has also previously served as a part-time member of the Central Policy Unit.

In his various capacities in the business and professional sectors, Dr Wong has made significant contributions to economic and public affairs in Hong Kong over the years, including the advancement of trade and investment flows, advocacy of a better operating environment for small and medium enterprises, promotion of corporate governance, and advancement of a more harmonious labour-employer relationship. Dr Wong has been able to serve effectively because he has long been deeply involved in public policy research and advocacy, especially with regard to economic affairs. In fact, he has published many policy articles, both in his own capacity and through the various business and professional organisations he has served. This effort is grounded in his firm belief that effective public policy is best fostered through a process of rigorous research and debate, and that both the private sector and the government have a critical role to play in this process.

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Dr Wong has always been supportive of educational and community services. He is currently a Council member of the Hong Kong Baptist University and an adjunct professor in its School of Business, as well as a frequent guest speaker at public forums at various universities. Dr Wong has served as a board member of various secondary schools over the past sixteen years. In addition, he is a member of the Fujian Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, and a board member of the China Overseas Friendship Association.

Dr Wong is a lover of the outdoors, and can often be found hiking in country parks on weekends. Dr Wong also loves travel and music. His personal motto is inspiring: "Do what interests you most, and do it with passion and perseverance."

Dr Wong has received multiple honours over the years. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 2010. This year, he was awarded a Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS) for his valuable contributions to promoting trade and industrial development, as well as to the work of the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund Board.

Mr Chairman, for his outstanding achievements and contributions to Hong Kong, may I now present Dr David Wong Yau-kar to you for the conferment of an honorary fellowship.

*English citation written and delivered by Dr Patrick Poon*